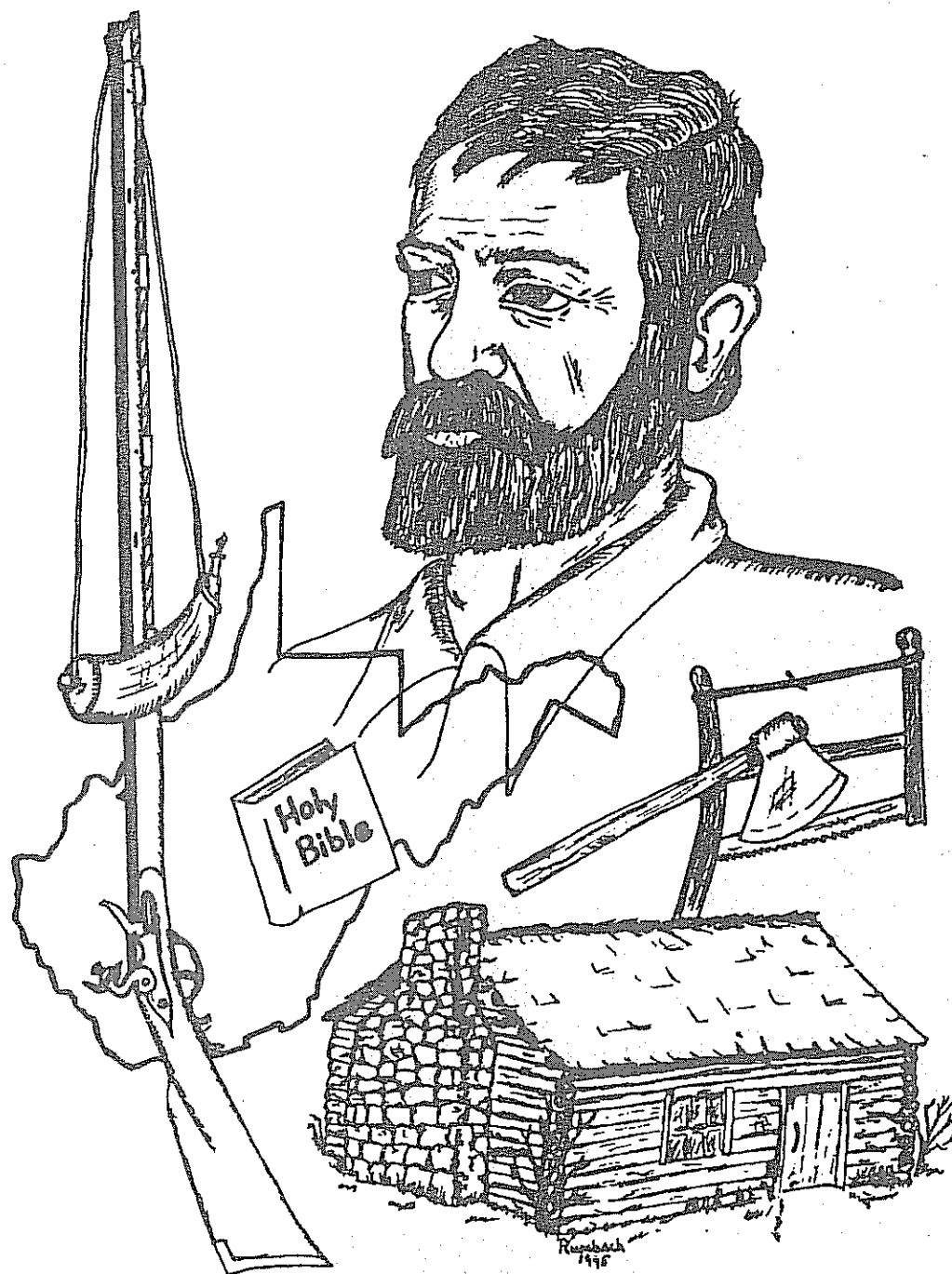


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jots from joy

Dear Cousins and Friends:

I've always thought that letters from "home" were supposed to be upbeat and full of great news and good cheer. As today's youngsters say, "Not!" And so it is with us here at your ancestral home in the heart of West Virginia. We've had an up and down time in recent days.

As you know from our last issue of *Up the Creek*, our president has been dealing with a serious illness. He'll tell you in his own letter that he's dealing with it well - and he is. But, more importantly, the staff and volunteers at the library are dealing with it well too. Remember the story of "A Field of Dreams" and the theme, "Build it and they'll come." Paraphrasing that for HCPD, "Need them and they'll come." The volunteer staff has been great about spending extra time at the library during these trying days. Now, if we can just find a few more new volunteers it will make all of our jobs just a bit easier.

Each issue usually contains a letter from our editor-corresponding secretary, Raydine Teicheira. You'll not find one in this issue because Raydine is spending her days at the Charleston Area Medical Center with her husband Joe. Joe had quadruple heart bypass on July 22. His prognosis is touch-and-go.

As usual, immediately before our gathering, we've been running rather frazzled; but, as usual, we'll make it and folks, hopefully, will go away with a great feeling. Every year I wonder if we're going to pull it off and every year someone comes and/or something happens to make that year's gathering a memorable event. By the time you are reading this, the gathering will be over and we'll be winding down

our 15th year. And that reminds me - it's almost dues time again.

You'll be receiving one more UTC and one more HCJ on your 1996-97 membership (Volume XV). The index for all four issues of Volume XV will be mailed with Issue 1 of next year (Volume XVI). We attempt to get Issue 4 mailed to you sometime in October - but don't always succeed.

(Remember - the Journal staff is all volunteer.)

Dues for 1997-98 are due October 1. In order to save postage, we do not send dues notices until sometime in November - and then only to those who have not paid their dues. In the meantime, we figure we have plenty of opportunities via other mailings to remind you. So, consider this your first reminder.

Besides the Gathering, there are a couple of other up and coming events. Over Labor Day weekend HCPD will be manning at booth of books and fook in the Mary Conrad Cabin at Jackson's Mill during the Stonewall Jackson Heritage Arts & Crafts Jubilee. Immediately thereafter, barring unforeseen circumstances, I will be attending the Federation of Genealogy Societies Conference in Dallas. On September 6 some of us will be at the Genealogy Fair sponsored by the Wheeling Area Genealogy Society in Wheeling; then, in October we'll be participating in GenExpo at St. Clairsville Mall in St. Clairsville, Ohio. In November we'll be attending the Genealogy Teleconference in Charleston that is being sponsored by Mining Your History Foundation as well as a Cemetery Workshop sponsored by MYHF and Palatines to America at Jackson's Mill. Specific dates and further details on these events will be coming to you under separate mailings in the near future.

That's it for now.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jay".

CHAT

WITH

CHARLIE



Dear Cousins,

I would like to thank all of you for your cards and letters, flowers and prayers during my illness. So far, my treatment is going well and I should have some kind of definitive prognosis by the time you receive this Journal.

Our library is still growing with the addition of our microfilm/fiche reader-printer and more microfilm on order. We are having more shelving built and are adding about a foot of new books every week.

Our membership is still growing and I expect us to hit the one thousand mark by the end of this fiscal year. Our new library plans are still in the works with nothing definite to report yet.

For those of you who don't make the gathering, we hope you can make it in to see us some time this fall or winter.

CHARLIE

NEW THIS ISSUE...

Abstracts of Lewis County, WV, Deed Books A, B, & C (1817-1827) as abstracted by Becky Brogie, Charles Gilchrist, Joy Gilchrist, Diane Miller, and Mo Taylor is now finished
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FORINASH FAMILY

Margaret C. Lew, Beverly Vassar Haas, Jackie Greathouse

Many persons exploring their roots in central West Virginia find the name FORINASH on their family trees. Without benefit of diaries, Bibles or other unpublished sources, FORINASH lines appear to stop when the researcher attempts to carry the family back into the eighteenth century. Careful study of available secondary resources only adds to the confusion. Local and family histories present a cloudy and contradictory picture. Actual records are few and add little of substance.

This article is an attempt to separate FORINASH fact from fiction, or, at the very least, to separate what is provable from what is anecdotal. This article will focus on early members of the family. Another will discuss children of the earliest members of the family, and their connections with the BOZARTH, REGER and MORRISON clans.

THE PUBLIC RECORD

The FORINASH name appears in the earliest records of central West Virginia. It takes several forms as record keepers entered it, spelling was not set in stone in the 18th century even among the well educated. For that reason, the spellings are used here as they appeared in the records found. We do not know where our first Forinashes emigrated from to the colonies, nor the form of their name in that place.

LAND RECORDS

CHARLES FORINASH entered at least three claims for unpatented land. The first was recorded September 20, 1785 by Charles FORANASH for 335 acres on the Buckhannon River including his settlement of 1772. (Harrison County Land Book 1, Page 38). This tract was described as adjacent to John Jackson's land. Charles' second claim was recorded November 7, 1786 for 371 acres at the Head of Stony Run, including his settlement made in 1775. (Harrison County Land Book 2, Page 100). The same claims appear in the Monongalia records prior to the formation of Harrison County under the name "Charles FALLINGNASH."

Charles FORANASH entered a claim for 94 acres on the waters of the Buckhannon River in 1801. (Randolph County Land Book 2, Page 290).

In 1802, after the Buckhannon settlement was redistricted into Harrison County, Charles FALLINGASH reappears in the Harrison County landbook. An entry for him remains on the record through 1806, with the exception of 1803 when it was omitted. The variations in spelling for this period include FALLINGASH, FALLINGNASH and, perhaps the most inventive of all, FALLINGARCH.

TAX AND CENSUS RECORDS

The 1782 Tax List for Monongalia County, Virginia, shows Charles FOMASH as head of a family of one in the Buckhannon settlement.

On the 1784 Tax List for Harrison County, Virginia, he appears as the head of a family of five, with two tithables. In other words, the Charles FORANASH family included two males over the age of sixteen. The family is also listed as having one dwelling cabin.

The 1785 Buckhannon assessors report includes Charles FORINASH. The entire Buchannon settlement is reported as follows:

	Whites	Slaves	Horses	Cattle	Tithables
C. FORINASH	1	0	3	12	1
J. JACKSON Sr. & Jr.	2	0	7	8	2
J. BOSHER	1	0	3	4	1
J. BUSH	1	0	1	0	1
D. CASTO	1	0	1	3	1
H. RUNYON	1	0	2	6	1
H. FINK Sr. & Jr.	2	1	10	15	3
J. CUTRIGHT Sr. & Jr.	1	0	3	6	1
J. HALL	1	0	1	0	1
E. JACKSON	1	0	2	10	1

The 1786 Tax List of Harrison Co. includes Charles FORINGASH head of household (1 horse, 1 cow).

The 1787 and 1788 Tax Lists of Randolph County, Virginia include two Charles FALLNASHs: Charles FALLNASH Senior¹ (0 white tithables, 0 slaves, 4 horses, 14 cattle) and Charles FALLNASH Junior (0 white tithables, 0 slaves, 1 horse, 2 cattle). Both are listed as 'non-tithable'. The Buckhannon settlement, which was first part of Monongalia County and which was transferred to Harrison County when Harrison was formed in 1784, became part of Randolph County when it was created in 1787.

One Charles FALLNASH appears in the 1800 Tax List of Randolph Co. Virginia, again listed as non-tithable.² (0 white tithables, 0 slaves, 3 horses)

In the 1810 Census for Randolph Co., Virginia an entry is found for Jacob FORENNAW which shows a household of 7 persons:

1 male age 10-16	1 female age 10-16
1 male age 16-26	1 female age 26-45
1 male age 26-45	1 female age 45 & up
1 male 45 & up	

¹ Senior and Junior did not necessarily indicate relationship but served to identify two persons of the same name living in the same area.

² Certain officials, women, boys under 16 and men above a certain age were exempt from tithe.

COURT, PROBATE AND MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

Among the various non-tax records, Charles FORINASH is mentioned on a few occasions. He appears to have held the position of constable in both Harrison and Randolph counties. On August 17, 1785, Charles FORINGASH Senior was appointed constable of Harrison County. (see "HCPD Journal", Vol. XI, Issue 3, p. 169).

Other references are made in Harrison Co. Court Minutes to Charles FORINGASH, April 20, 1785, the award of "ten feet of bacon upwards to 55 pounds", and to Charles FORNISH on Buckhannon River May 18, 1785. ("HCPD Journal " Vol. XI, 3).

Charles FALNASH was listed as a constable of Randolph County in 1787 (Bosworth, History of Randolph County, West Virginia).

While we have not researched the court records exhaustively to date, it appears that there is little available in the official records to shed light on the lives of either Charles FORINASH (senior or junior) or any other early family member in central West Virginia.

The probate records of Harrison County indicate that Charles FORINASH died sometime before September 11, 1805, the date that settlement of his estate was recorded in Harrison County Will Book 3-138. Further references to the Charles FORINASH estate are found in the Inventory dated August 29, 1815, (Harrison County Will Book 1-34).

In 1817 the land records of Harrison County refer to 800 acres on the Buckhannon River East 20 miles from the Courthouse in the name of The Heirs of Charles FORINASH.

The first FORINASH marriage records we have found are the 1809 marriages in Harrison County of Margaret FORINASH to Jack RUBEL (Margaret d/o Mary) and of William FORINASH to Anne ALLTOP (William son of Charles & Mary).

What few FORINASH entries we have found in early records mention only the given name "Charles" with the exception of the Jacob FORRENAW found in the 1810 Census.

SECONDARY SOURCES

The published county histories, local family histories and other sources of information on early West Virginia provide little more than the public records. In fact, they tend to produce more mystery than illumination to what we do find in the public record.

Chronicles of Border Warfare, Alexander Scott Withers

In 1831 Alexander Scott Withers published his history of the settlement of North Western Virginia in which he mentions the Forenash plantation (p.121) and Charles Furrenash and family (p.313).

"In the Fall of the ensuing year (1768) Samuel Pringle, and several others who wished first to examine for themselves, visited the country which had been so long occupied by the Pringles alone. . . And having examined the country, for purpose of selecting the most desirable situations; some of them proceeded to improve the spots of their choice. John Jackson (who was accompanied by his sons, George and Edward) settled at the mouth of Turkey run, where his daughter Mrs. Davis, now lives -- John Hacker higher up on the Buchannon River, where Bush's fort was afterwards established, and Nicholas Heavener now lives -- Alexander and Thomas Sleeth, near to Jackson's, on what is now known as the Forenash plantation." (p.121)

"At the usual period of leaving the forts and returning to their farms, the inhabitants withdrew from Buchannon and went to their respective homes. Soon after, a party of savages came to the house of Charles Furrenash, and made prisoners of Mrs. Furrenash and her four children, and despoiled their dwelling. Mrs. Furrenash, being a weakly woman, and unable to endure the fatigue of travelling far on foot, was murdered on Hughes' River. Three of the children were afterwards redeemed and came back, -- the fourth was never more heard of. In a few days after, the husband and father returned from Winchester (where he had been for salt) and instead of the pleasing prattle of his innocent children, was saluted with the melancholy intelligence of their fate. It was enough to make him curse the authors of the outrage, and swear eternal enmity to the savage race."

Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia, L. V. McWhorter, 1914.

McWhorter does not mention Charles FORINASH. Instead we are told about two FORINASH men: Jacob FORINASH and Uriah FORINASH. They are not found in any public land, tax, court or census record of early WVA. According to McWhorter they appear as early settlers of Harrison County.

In the Prelude, a Memoranda lists border settlers who had military service, the search is credited to Laura Gertrude Rogers, of Washington City. This list includes Jacob FORENASH.

"The following is a list of the names of men for whose military records search was made among the archives of the War Department, and the Pension Office, Washington, D. C. With the exception of a few soldiers of the War of 1812, so designated, all were for services during the Revolutionary War, either Continental Troops or State Militia; which latter included frontier scouts or rangers. FORENASH, JACOB. (p.29)

"In 1784, (Joseph Hall) in company with Jacob FORENASH and James Morrison, old comrades in Dunmore's War and who worked for him, he came to Harrison County and purchased two hundred acres on Peor's Run, (Peck's Run?) in now Upshur County West Virginia. He employed FECKNASH and Morrison to build a house and clear and cultivate this land under his supervision." (p.184)

In Notes to the text McWhorter adds these comments on Wither's account of an Indian raid on the family of John Bozarth in 1795:

"Tradition says that two of Bozarth's daughters were also carried off in this raid, and that they returned from captivity with their mother and the two boys. Philip Reger's second wife was the younger of these daughters. Elizabeth, the older, became the second wife of Uriah FORENASH and after his death, she is said to have married James Morrison. She died 1862. Both FORENASH and Morrison were in Lord Dunmore's expedition against the Indians in 1774".

"The 'Forenash plantation' referred to by WITHERS, p 121, was the farm of Jacob FORENASH. Jacob was an easy going, honest man, content with his lot and not over zealous in procuring either riches or renown among men. His 'plantation' consisted of fifty acres, mostly hilly land, and was a part of a tract which had been abandoned by a former settler. Jacob bought the land of his friend, Mr. Joseph Hall, and paid for it in work. His improvement was such a marked contrast to the large farms around him, that in time it was dubbed the 'Forenash Plantation' and as such went down in history." (p.487ff)

Genealogy of Thomas Hall, Septimus Hall

In 1914 Septimius Hall published a genealogy of his ancestor Thomas Hall. It was reissued in 1967 with notes added by Tasker H. Williams in which he discusses the beginnings of the Buckhannon community, again, no mention is made of Charles FORINASH:

"In 1784 with two companions, Jacob FORINASH and William Morrison, he (Joseph Hall) crossed the Alleghenies on the Pringle Pack Trail to the Buckhannon River Valley. The three men stayed at Jacob Reger's for a few days while exploring the country. Hall finally filed a claim for two hundred acres on Peck's Run, presently known as the Smith Farm. With the help of his two friends, he erected a two-storey log house which was his home for many years. All three men were bachelors when they arrived in the area so they continued to live together, although FORINASH and Morrison had procured land of their own."

"Jacob Forinash was the first of the three to get married. In 1795 he married Elizabeth Bozarth and moved to his own place, which became known as the 'Forinash Plantation'".

The People of Vandalia Community, Lewis County, W.Va., Sam W. Hardman, 1928

Hardman collected the stories of the settlers of Big Skin Creek before its name was changed to Vandalia. Among them are the Bozarth's, Halls and Forinash's, descendants of the Buckhannon settlers.

"David Hall married Elizabeth FORINASH, a daughter of Uriah FORINASH, and she was a sister to Jacob FORINASH, Sr." (p.13)

"I became curious to know more about Mary Bozather. And this is what I learned about her: That the closing years of her life were passed in the home of Rev. David Hall: that she was the grandmother of Jacob Forinash, Sr. and Elizabeth (Forinash) Hall;"

"I was at a loss to know how Mary Bozather could be the grandmother of Jacob Forinash, Sr., and David Hall's wife. I sought the answer by looking into the family history and genealogy of the FORINASH. I found that Uriah FORINASH married Elizabeth Bozarth, daughter of John and Mary Bozarth." (p.19)

"James Morrison married Mrs. Uriah Forinash, a young widow with two children whose names were Elizabeth and Jacob. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Bozarth, and she was a member of the Bozarth family so cruelly massacred at or near Buckhannon by the Indians the summer of 1795." (p.40)

CONCLUSIONS

We have concluded that at least two early Forinash men settled in the Harrison County area in the 18th Century. In spite of the failure to find two adults named in the very early tax or Census records and the confusion caused by the stories of Jacob Forinash and Uriah Forinash, neither of them seems to be the same person as Charles Forinash.

Jacob/Uriah Forinash

Jacob Forinash and Uriah Forinash do seem to be the same person, but we can find no explanation for the two Christian names. The marriage of Elizabeth, the daughter of John Bozarth, Sr to Jacob/Uriah Forinash seems not to have produced children. Elizabeth remarried after Jacob/Uriah's death to James Morrison and after his death to Alexander Pickens.

Charles Forinash

Charles Forinash appears to have had at least two wives; we have no name for the first wife, the second wife's first name was Mary. We do not have family names for either woman. Charles Forinash's widow Mary remarried in 1813 to John Bozarth Senior and after his death remained in the Vandalia Community with David and Elizabeth Forinash Hall until her death at age 100 in 1863. Her marriage to John Bozarth and the nickname "Granny Bozather" served to confuse Sam Hardman.

The children of Charles Forinash's first marriage were Charles Forinash, Jr., Mary Jane Forinash, John Forinash and another whose name is not known.

Charles Forinash, Jr. married and went away from Harrison County. A deed of 1833 between his three surviving children (James, Thomas and Dorcas) reveals that they did not know his whereabouts. The family had lived in Kentucky.

Mary Jane Forinash married c. 1797 Philip Reger and remained in Harrison County.

John Forinash married c. 1805 Rebecca Barrett.

The children of Charles Forinash Sr. and his second wife Mary were: Jacob Forinash, William Forinash, John C. Forinash, Mary Forinash, Margaret Forinash, Sarah Forinash, Elizabeth Forinash and Anna Forinash.

Jacob Forinash married (1) 1816 Catherine Crites (2) Hannah Peterson.

William Forinash married 1809 Anne Alltop.

John C. Forinash married 1811 Peggy Carter.

Mary Forinash married 1815 Leonard Crites.

Margaret Forinash married 1809 Jacob Ruble.

Sarah Forinash married 1813 Robert Black.

Elizabeth Forinash married 1820 David Hall.

Anna Forinash married 1820 Thomas P. Parker.

About the authors:

In December 1992 we descendants of the Forinash Family of Lewis County West Virginia met on the genealogy discussion boards of the Prodigy Service; connected by our computers we joined in the pursuit of the family roots from our desks in Concord, Massachusetts, Roswell, Georgia and San Francisco, California. We shared the results of our trips to libraries, LDS family history centers, the National Archives and courthouses as well as correspondence with other West Virginia researchers. What we present here is the progress we have made to this date -- like most genealogies it is incomplete. We hope that it will stimulate discussion and that readers will share their thoughts and information with us.

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Funny Forinash Spellings

How many ways can you spell it?

These are examples found in old records.

FALENGARK	Tax Record of Mason County, KY
FALLENASH	Draper, <u>Draper Manuscripts</u>
FALLINGARCH	<u>Harrison County Land Book</u>
FALLINGASH	<u>Harrison County Land Book</u>
FALLINGNASH	<u>Monongalia County Land Records</u>
FALLNASH	Randolph County Tax Lists 1787-1788
FALNASH	Bosworth, <u>History of Randolph County, West Virginia</u>
FECKNASH	McWhorter, <u>Border Settlers of Northwestern Virginia</u>
FEENNASH	Arkansas Tax List 1831
FENNAST	Arkansas Tax List 1834
FOMASH	Monongalia County Tax List 1782
FORANASH	<u>Harrison County Land Book</u>
FORENASH	Withers, <u>Chronicles of Border Warfare</u>
FORENNAW	1810 Census Randolph County
FORINGASH	<u>Harrison County Court Minutes</u>
FORNISH	<u>Harrison County Court Minutes</u>
FUNNASH	Arkansas Tax List 1833
FURINASH	Arkansas Tax List 1836
FURNASH	1820 Census of Territory of Arkansas (Reconstructed)
FURNASH	McDonald, <u>Draper Manuscripts</u>
FURNISH	Shinn, <u>Pioneers & Makers of Arkansas</u>
FURRENASH	Withers, <u>Chronicles of Border Warfare</u>

BROOKE COUNTY GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

Brooke County Genealogy now offers a newsletter to be published quarterly - March-June-Sept.-Dec. (This year the first quarter will be mailed in April) This publication will be available to all MEMBERS of the newly formed organization.

Yearly Membership fees: \$12.00 individual
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Floe (Swisher) Taylor

WESTON -- Floe (Swisher)-Taylor, 92, of Weston died Wednesday, May 14, 1997, at home after a long illness.

She was a homemaker, a 72-year member of Berlin Extension Homemakers, a member of Berlin United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and a former member of Berlin Rebekah Lodge.

Surviving: daughters, Anna Marie Dawson of Parkersburg, Dortha Jean Smith of Weston, Mary Frances Marple of Buckhannon; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

Service will be 11 a.m. Friday at Floyd Funeral Home, Weston, with the Rev. Roger McKee officiating. Burial will be in Fairview IOOF Cemetery, Berlin, W.Va. Friends may call from 4 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Gene C. Curtis

Gene C. Curtis, 71, of Simpson Street, Morgantown, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 1997, at his home.

He was born March 30, 1925, in McWhorter, Harrison County, son of the late Gene R. and Myrtle M. Cayton Curtis.

He was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Morgantown, and was a 1950 graduate of WVU, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He operated a State Farm Insurance agency for 27 years, retiring in 1996. He was a U.S. Army infantry veteran of World War II, a member of AF & AM Union Masonic Lodge 4, Morgantown, and was a 32nd degree Mason with the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, J. Carol Curtis, a son and spouse, Gene C. II and Odalie Curtis, of Glen Ridge, NJ; three daughters and spouses, Julane and Donald Crabtree, of Lenexa, KS, Brooke and Randy Moulton, of Winchester, VA, and Heather and Michael Ward, of Beaver, PA.; a brother, Rodney L. Curtis, of Myrtle Beach, SC; two sisters and spouses, Mary Lou and John Christie, of Bridgeport and Betty Sue and Bill Decker, of Kingwood; and six grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by an infant sister.

Friends may call at Hastings Funeral Home from 7-9 pm, Monday and 3-5 and 7-9 pm, Tuesday. Service will be at 10:30 am, Wednesday, Feb. 19, with the Rev. Dr. Richard L. Wright officiating. Burial will be in Good Hope Masonic Cemetery. Donations: charity of choice.

Francis E. Taylor

Francis E. Taylor, 91 of Route 3, Box 185, died at his residence on April 20 after an extended illness. He was b 7 Mar 1906 in Lewis County (right there on Laurel Lick where he also died), s/o Oliver Edward and Ardilla Maude Taylor. His wife of 70 years, Floe S. Taylor, whom he married on 30 Mar 1927 survives. He is survived by 3 daughters, Anna Marie Dawson, Parkersburg (Anna and her husband Hank are charter members in HCPD), Dortha Jean Smith, and Mary Frances Marple; one sister, Gertrude Pauline Taylor of Berlin; 8 grandchildren,

14 g.- grandchildren, and one g- g. grandson. He was a farmer all of his life and a member of Berlin United Methodist Church.

Personally I'll never forget a story about Mr. Taylor. It was about 1986 or 87. I was leading the annual tour of Hacker's Creek. This was the first year that our "famous" member, Bill Hayes (Gold Record of "Davy Crockett" - Doug on "Days of Our Lives"), was on the tour with us. Rocky and Patty Swisher were also on the tour. We were going up Laurel Lick looking for the site of Rocky's Hinzman ancestors' home. Rocky knew Frances Taylor (a cousin) and we stopped there so he could ask a question.

Rocky got to chatting - as long lost cousins will - and we waited and waited and waited. Finally Bill says, "I'll go get him" and walked down to the house after him. When Bill and Rocky returned both were chuckling. Bill walked up to the porch. Mr. Taylor looked at him and said, "What are you doing here? I was just watching you on television." God bless him! New-fangled television stuff was hard on 80 year old country man!!!
Submitted by Joy Gilchrist.

Dr. A. Kyle Bush, M. D.

Dr. A. Kyle Bush passed away, March 4, 1997. He was a descendant of Edward Jackson.

Sarah Bailey Williams

Sarah Bailey Williams passed away February 14, 1997.

HAVE A LAUGH

This is titled "Some Research Is Thorough", from the "Computer Genealogy Notebook", March 1995 issue. Submitted by Macel Mace.

This is a true answer to a major US Company doing a routine investigation of a title search:

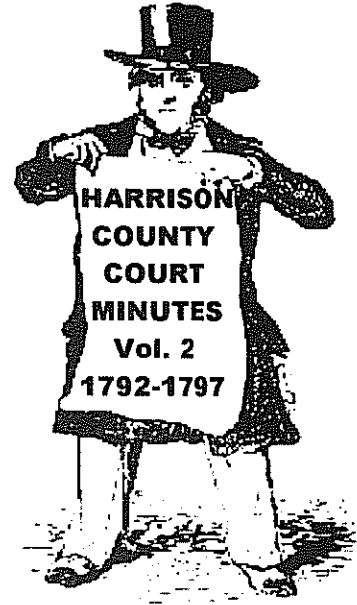
"I note your comment upon the fact that the record of title sent you as applying to the land under consideration dates only from the year 1803 and your request for an extension of records prior to that date. Please be advised that the Government of the United States acquired the territory from the Government of France in 1802. The Government of France acquired title by conquest from the Government of Spain. The Government of Spain acquired title by discovery of one Christopher Columbus a resident of Genoa, Italy, traveler and explorer, under the sponsorship of Her Majesty, the Queen of Spain. The Queen of Spain 'received sanction' of her title by consent of the Pope, a resident of Rome, Italy, and a representative of Jesus Christ, The Son and heir Apparent of the Almighty God and the Almighty God made Louisiana. I trust that this complies with your request."

pg 2 29 Nov 1792

Commonwealth by Wm. Shaver, breach of the **Peace vs Anthony Coon** - Ordered that said Coon gives security for his good behavior - memorandum this 21st day of November 1792 Anthony Coon, Charles Harris and **Joseph Coon** came personally into court and acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto Henry Lee Esq. in the penal sum of eighty pounds. Namely the said Anthony Coon in the sum of forty pounds and the said **Charles Harris** and **Joseph Coon** in twenty pounds each to be rendered yet upon this condition that if the said **Anthony Coon** shall keep the peace toward **William Shaver** and all other good citizens of this Commonwealth until August Court next then this Recognizance to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in present of the court

his
Anthony X Coon
mark
Charles Harris
his
Joseph X Coon
mark



Commonwealth by **Wm. Shaver** breach of peace vs **Conrad Coon** - Ordered that said **Coon** give security for keeping the peace toward **Wm. Shaver** - memorandum this 21st day of Nov 1792 **Conrad Coon**, **John McCally** and **Lewis Duvall** came personally into court and acknowledged themselves to be held and firmly bound unto **Henry Lee Esq.** in the penal sum of eighty pounds namely that said **Conrad Coon** in the sum of forty pounds and the said **John McCally** and **Lewis Duvall** in twenty pounds each to be rendered, this condition that if the said Conrad Coon shall keep the peace towards William Shaver and all other good citizens of this Commonwealth until August court next then this Recognance to be void else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed, sealed & delivered
in presence of the court

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Jno. McCally
Lewis Duvall

pg 11 1st Monday Jan 1793

Ordered that **David Hughes** be permitted to keep ordinary in the town of Clarksburg for the space of one year from this date upon his given bond and security agreeable to law and which is done accordingly.

William Hacker is appointed constable in the room of **David Smith**.

John Sleeth came into court entered into bond according to law and took the oath to support the federal constitution and the oath of office as sheriff for the space of one year.

David Sleeth came into court and took the oath to support the federal constitution and the oath of office as deputy sheriff.

pg 16 19 Feb 1793

The county proceeded to lay off the county into precincts for opening and keeping the highways in repair.

Ordered that all the inhabitants from the Randolph County line down to the twenty mile tree on Hackers Creek including the Bonnetts shall compose the first precient and that **Jacob Cosad** be surveyor thereof and that all the Tithables in said precient aid and assist him opening and keeping the said highway or hiways therein.

That all the tithables on Hackers Creek below the 20 mile tree and to Lost Creek compose the second precient and that **John Simms** be surveyor thereof.

That all the tithables on the West Fork above **Elias Hughes** shall be the third Precient and that **Christopher Carpenter** be surveyor of the highway or highways thereof.

That all the tithables on the waters of the West Fork and including from **Elias Hughes** to the Island Ford except **Stalnakers** and all above him on Hackers Creek shall be the fourth Precient. The water of **Buffello** excepted and that **Edward Brown** be surveyor thereof.

That all the tithables on **Buffelow** and the West Fork between the Island Ford and the Snake Rock shall be the fifth Precient and **Jesse Lowther** be surveyor thereof.

pg 25 20 March 1793

Daniel McCann vs Ellis Hughes - The parties came into court and agrees their suit in these words to wit: the defendant agrees to pay all the plaintiff's clerk cost, amount 12/6 which the plaintiff has paid for the year 1791, the plaintiff is to pay the allowance for the sheriff fee and all the cost of his own witnesses.

pg 37 & 38 20 May 1793

Grant Jury sworn to wit: **James Cockran** foreman, **Joel Lowther**, **William Radcliff**, **Alexander Sleeth**, **Ralph Morrow**, **Francis Patton**, **Joseph Wilkinson**, **Samuel Shinn**, **Peter Cornelison**, **Jacob Wolf**, **James Davisson**, **Obadiah Davisson**, **John Heagle**, **David Wolf**, **John Runyon**, **John Nutter**, **Enoch Betts**.

pg 37 & 38 20 May 1793

John Hamilton vs Jesse Hughes - Adam Bush enters S. B. (special bill)

Joshua Hickman executor and **Wm. White** came into court and entered into bond of L100 for the execution of the last Will and Testament of **Elisabeth Hickman** deceased.

We the grand jury present **Joseph Carpenter** for profane swearing on the 14th day of May 1793.

We of the grand jury present **Joseph Carpenter** for profane swearing on the 29th May 1793.

We the grand jury present **Thomas Cottrell** son of **Nanney Moor** for profane swearing by the information of **John Cottrell**, Cordwaner.

Also we find against **Thomas Cottrell** for assault and battery by the information of **John Cottrell**, cordwiner (shoemaker).

Also we find against **Andrew Cottrell** for assault and battery by the information of **John Cottrell**, cordwiner.

pg 44 22 May 1793

Adam Abogon vs David Wm. Sleeth - dismissed.

William Robinson vs William Radcliff - Judgt confessed by defendant for L2.0.3 interest from 21 Aug 1792.

Peter Kenshalo came into court and proved 9 days attendance as a witness in behalf of **David Wm. Sleeth** in his defense against **Abogon**, also **Margaret Kenshalo** five days, also **Alexander Sleeth** eight days.

John Sleeth came into court and proved eight days in behalf of **Adam Abogon** against **David W. Sleeth**.

John Richards came into court and proved 2 days attendance as a witness in behalf of **Adam Abogon** against **David W. Sleeth** also 46 miles to court and allowance for return.

pg 52 17 Jun 1793

Ellis Hughs and **Jane** his wife came into court, she being examined and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 6 acres of land to **John Brown**, ordered that the same be recorded.

Also one for same to **John Boyd** for six acres.

pg 53 17 Jun 1793

Ordered that **Isaac McIntire** son of **John McIntire** deceased be bound an apprentice to **David Wansley** until he arrives to the age of 21 years, he being seven years old on the 15th day of October in the year 1792 and to be taught the occupation of a farmer and to have learning and freedom dues as the law direct and that said **Wansley** appear at next court and exchange indentures.

pg 55 15 Jul 1793

Ordered that **Conrad Coon** have a resurvey on the tract of land whereon he now lives on Coon Run being advertised according to law.

Jacob Cosad and **Massa** his wife came into court and proved one day attendance each in behalf of **Joseph Hall vs Jacob Wolf**.

pg 59 19 Aug 1793

Commonwealth vs Jacob & Lewis Bonnett - Plea not guilty. A jury to wit: **Edward Jackson**, **Christopher Nutter**, **William Simms**, **George Morohead**, **Moses Sutton**, **Sotha Hichman**, **George Drake**, **Alexander Morrison**, **Abraham Bennett**, **Peter (?Cormilson)**, **Jacob Richards**, **William Murphy**. We the jury find **Jacob Bonnett** guilty and assess him in expense and judgment.

Hezakiah Stout came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness for the **Commonwealth vs Thos. Cottrell**.

Jacob Cozad came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness in behalf of the **Commonwealth vs Jacob & Lewis Bonnett**.

Alexander Sleeth came into court and proved two days and **Wm. Hacker** one day attendance as a witness in behalf of the **Commonwealth vs Lewis and Jacob Bonnett**.

Mollie Gabe

submitted by Billie Jo Runyon

This article was taken from the old files of the Braxton Democrat, February 2, 1939, and reprinted October 29, 1982.

Born in slavery and sold to an unkind owner at the tender age of four, "Mollie-Gabe," who says her correct name is Mary Elizabeth Johnson, has reached the advanced age of 94, still enjoying good health and able to work every day.

In a one room cabin, about a mile from Sutton, this interesting woman, keeps house by herself, washes and irons her clothes, cooks her meals, keeps her house neat and clean and in her spare time pieces quilts. Her handiwork may be seen on the bed and cot in her room. "I raised quite a bit of stuff in my garden this summer," she said, and when her son suggested that the doctor said she should not work so hard, she said she always had worked and she couldn't stop now. She has a remarkable memory and decided views on many subjects. She loves the white people and says many of her best friends, have been of the white race but she is firmly opposed to mixing the race, saying, "The whites should stay white and blacks should stay black."

She is not on relief and is supported by the kindness of her children, but she has been investigating the possibilities of an old age pension and thinks she ought to be worth half as much as she sold for as a child.

Mollie-Gabe was born at Flatwoods, the daughter of Jane Rhea, a slave woman, who was the property of Dr. John L. Rhea. Dr. Rhea, who was a traveling minister and later studied medicine, came to Flatwoods with his bride from Virginia. They brought with them a number of slaves, among them, Jane. Dr. Rhea was one of the few slave owners in Braxton County and of the few colored people in the county at this time many are descendants of his slaves.

Mollie-Gabe's childhood was happy with several brothers and sisters for companions and little work required. Although she was only four years old when she was separated from her family, she remembers the details vividly. She tells it this way: "I was playing with my sisters when a stranger rode up to the house and Dr. Rhea went out to talk with him. After a while the Dr. called, 'Jane dress them chaps and bring 'em out here,' That meant me and my two sisters. I was the least one. We went out and lined up and the Dr. said, 'Now take your pick and choice,' but later he said they couldn't spare the oldest sister as his wife needed her. The man looked over and said, 'How much for the little one?' and Dr. Rhea answered, '\$650,' and the bargain was made."

With tears in her eyes and her voice trembling, Mollie-Gabe said she was too young to know what it all meant, but she can remember the tears streaming down

her old mammy's face as she was lifted on the horse in front of her new owner and rode away, to be separated from her loved ones for many years.

Her new home was in Clay County and in that community there were no other slaves. Although she was so young that she slept in a trundle-bed beside her owners, she was expected to work and work she did, doing the family wash before she was tall enough to hang the clothes on the line and spending long hours at work in the fields and at the house.

While she was living in Clay County, the Civil War broke out and there was fighting in the neighborhood. She says she saw men shot down with her own eyes and others run through with bayonets. Both Yankee and Rebel soldiers passed often through the country and she was taught to fear the Blue coats, as she called them. She was also taught to lie but she says, "It was their doins and I couldn't help it." In the home of her owners was a trap door that led to an excavation. This was covered with homemade carpet and when the Union soldiers were in the vicinity, the family hid under the house and she was told to say that there were no Rebels around. Once when she was in the orchard she was terror-stricken when she was surrounded by seven Union soldiers. They helped themselves to apples and went with her to the house, asking where the family was. Her mistress, who was listening, said she would have her if she had told the truth.

Finally the soldiers ceased their visits and she asked what had become of them. She was told that the Graycoats got tired and gave up. She was not told of her freedom and does not know how long she was kept in ignorance but said, "I reckon I'd be down there yet if my mammy hadn't sent for me." It was in threshing time that she looked out and saw her Uncle Momen Rhea riding up and leading a horse. She was overjoyed as she had heard nothing from her family since she was sold. Her uncle's first words to her were, "Well, I reckon they told you the war is over and we are free," and she answered, "My God, no." "Well," he said "we are just as free as they are and Jane sent me to bring you home." Thus she was reunited with her family.

Shortly after her return she was married to Alexander Johnson, better known as Gabe, and thus she acquired her nickname forever after she was known as Mollie-Gabe or Mary-Gabe. Dr. Rhea performed the marriage ceremony and the young couple went to Falls Mill to live. Here Gabe owned a little place and here she spent many years, highly respected by both white and colored people. Here she numbered among her friends, "Uncle Billy" and "Aunt Betsy" Haymond, Gabe's former owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mifflin Lorentz, later of Buckhannon, and other pioneer residents of Braxton County. In her interesting little cabin home hang pictures that they gave her.

She says the Good Lord has blessed her with unusual health and strength, and let her live to raise eleven children of her own and eight for other people. Only

three of her children are now living. Hanson Johnson, who lives close by, Ella Johnson, of Long Run, Braxton County, and Oscar Johnson, of Clarksburg.

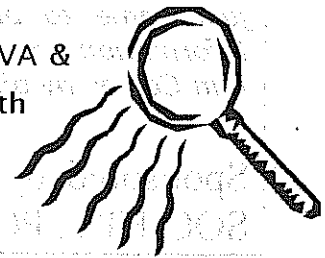
Eleven years ago Mollie and Gabe lost their little home and it was suggested that she go to live with a son while Gabe would stay with a daughter but she said "No, when I married Gabe, I promised to stick by him till death and where he goes I go." and so it was arranged. Gabe died seven years ago.

At the recent election, Mollie-Gabe walked to the polls, about a mile from her home, to cast her ballot. Needless to say, she votes a Republican ticket. She says she has been approached about selling her vote but she thinks everybody ought to vote as they think best, then she added, "I ain't got learned but I got sense and why should I go agin the party that did so much for me."

DISCOVERY MADE MY DAY!

submitted by Debbie Malec

I am presently working on the Putnam/Ball line of VA & the Hite/Burns line. I would like to share a discovery with that made my day. For years I had Margaret Monroe & her entire pedigree on my tree. (She married John Burns, father of Rachel Burns who m. John S. Hite of Gilmer Co.) Lo & behold when I received their marriage certificate in the mail this is what I discovered. Someone, I don't know who, *assumed* that the bride's name was Monroe because the name Daniel Monroe was listed. They then *assumed* that Daniel was Margaret's father.



The 3 marriage documents that I received stated that John Burns and Robert McEvery were bonded to the Governor of VA, Daniel Monroe. How he got to be father of the bride I do not know. Further research and documents revealed that her name was Margaret McEvery, d/o Robert McEvery. ***How's that for a discovery?***

I have notified the Hite and Putnam Associations of this major discovery and change. ***Thought I would share this and the importance of documenting every generation.!***

HUNDREDS (Hds.) - an old English term for land division utilized by Penn equaling a land area of less size than a county or shire but larger than a town or parish.

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Many Have His Name

Col. Nicholas Greenberry was quite a famous Indian fighter and political figure of early (17th Century) Anne Arundel County, Maryland. His children (including several daughters) and grandchildren married with many of the other notable families of early Maryland and the given name Greenberry continues to this day amongst their descendants. In addition, there seem to have been others in the ensuing years who were named in honor of him but not directly related. I don't know what the attraction is for this name, but it has spread from Maryland through every generation and place where his descendants migrated.

Having said that (and being a descendant of Col. Nicholas myself), I'm not exactly sure what purpose would be served by creating a book/database of people with the given name Greenberry. Submitted by Phil Stackhouse, Ellicott City, Maryland in response to an Internet Bulletin Board query.

WHY APPALACHIA?

This was written by Mary Jo Brown and published in Appalachian Roots in January 1997 issue.



What makes genealogy in Appalachia so different than in the rest of the country? Why is it so difficult to find our ancestors in the hills and hollows of this region? The answers are found in history, geography, technology, and sociology.

The Appalachian area was settled very early in the development of the United States. Some relatively permanent settlements were established prior to the Revolutionary War, and thousands of pioneers arrived just after that War. The communities in New England and all the way down the Atlantic Coast were quite civilized at the time, but the mountains were rugged backwoods with little or no organized government and certainly no record-keeping entities.

Due to the geography of the region, high mountain ridges and deep winding valleys, progress came very slow to Appalachia. As late as 1900 there were few towns with paved streets and essentially no developed roads in the area. There had been some industrial progress - coal was discovered rather early, logging the virgin forests lasted for a time, and there were some attempts to develop iron production in a few places. Basically nothing that lasted.

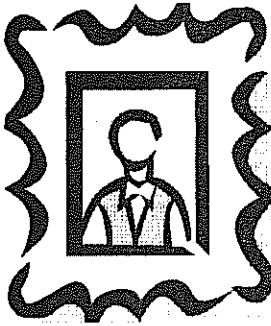
Because progress came slowly to the isolated settlements, growth also came slowly. There were no large cities - in fact, most communities consisted of between five and fifteen homes, a church or two, a school, and a general store. People lived more or less in anonymity, and seldom left much of a record in any repository. Courthouses and churches, normal places to find records, were built of wood and were often destroyed by fires, including their records.

Communications were limited between communities, let alone with the outside world for many years. At a time when developed cities had telegraph and then telephone service, the Appalachian area was still being served only by the U.S. Mail through trains and horseback delivery. People were struggling to survive, so the preservation of records was not a high priority. Geography severely limited travel, and people often used the courthouse, which was easiest to reach - not necessarily in their home county - especially for marriage licenses.

The nature of the Appalachian people also causes problems for researchers. Many of the early pioneers wanted to be alone (the so-called border mentality) and did not care to leave records of their dealings. They tended to stick together in family units and to regard outsiders with apprehension. The close-knit clans knew exactly who their relatives were - there was no need to leave records of who was their "kin". Each community consisted of one or two extended families who lived out their lives apart from the next community which might only be a couple of miles away. Even census takers did not find everyone in every hollow.

It is entirely possible that a family could have lived and died in Appalachia without any formal record continuing in existence today. Somewhere, there may be someone who has a Bible record, a handwritten slip of paper, or an old letter, which may give a clue to those ancestors that you have not found.

HINZMAN PICTURE MYSTERY INVOLVES OTHER HACKER'S CREEK FAMILIES



In Volume XV, Issue 1, HCJ, there was a request for the identification of a picture titled "**Rebecca Hinzman Picnic.**" While a firm answer to this question is still in the offing it appears that William J. Morrison may be on the right track in identifying the photo. He sent the following research about a Rebecca Hinzman, which incidentally, gives information about several other Hacker's Creek families.

"I looked through the birth records of Lewis County and found only one Rebecca; Rebecca Jane Hinzman, b 17 April 1859, the daughter of Perry G. and Sarah Jane Hinzman. In marriages, I found a Rebecca Means, daughter of Robert and Mary (Henry) Hinzman, married to Abraham Hinzman on 12 August 1817. In the death records, I found that Rebecca Jane Hinzman died of broncho pneumonia at 'Buckhannnon' (probably on Buckhannon Run) on 9 March 1951. She is buried at Fairview Cemetery and was 91 years, 10 months, and 28 days old. "

"Perry G. Hinzman was married to Sarah Jane Swisher on 9 December 1850, according to the Lewis County Marriage Records. Perry was a brother to my great grandfather and both were sons of Abraham and Rebecca (Means) Hinzman. Sarah Jane Swisher was the daughter of Isaac R. and Jane (Gaston) Swisher and Isaac R. Swisher was the son of Peter Swisher II and Susannah Rinehart."

"Jane Gaston was the daughter of John and Anna Gaston. Other children of John and Anna Gaston were: Peter who married Margaret Hinzman; James L. married to Mary Hinzman; Anna M. married to John Boram; Isaac R. married to Eda A. Lawson."

William suggested that I contact Edwin Paul Morrison of Jane Lew to see if he knew anything further or had any recollections of a Hinzman family picnic in the 20s and 30s. I called and Mr. Morrison did not remember. Perhaps someone in another line of the Hinzman family will have some recollections.

Submitted by Joy Gilchrist

CHATTELS – articles of personal property

CODICILE – an addition to a will

*Couple Married To Each Other Nearly 72 Years
Are Still Sweethearts As They Plan Birthdays
Each Is Nearly 100*

Buckhannon Delta July 31, 1951



An Upshur county man and woman, married to each other nearly 72 years, are still sweethearts although each is nearly 100 and is preparing to celebrate a birthday.

Peter E. Crites, of Adrian, said today he'll be 100 next Monday, August 6. His wife, Mary E. (Casto) Crites, two years younger, will mark her birthday August 20.

There are entries in the family Bible which would establish the ages of each at one year less but both insist the notations are in error.

The Bible records his birth upon August 6, 1852, and Mrs. Crites' birth upon August 20, 1854. Mr. Crites was born at Gladly Fork, his wife at Hinkleville. Both are life long residents of Upshur county.

Twinkling, Mr. Crites suggested the pose last Sunday when THE DELTA photographer visited them.

"How would it be if I put my arm around Mary?" he asked.

An assenting reply brought forth another query.

"How would it be if I were to kiss her?"

Mrs. Crites, blushing like a school girl, answered the question with an emphatic "No". Her husband chuckled.

"I've lived with her long enough," he said, "to know that it doesn't pay to argue with her."

They are the parents of 13 children, nine of them still living. They counted 50 grandchildren, approximately 250 great-grandchildren and an undetermined number of great-great grandchildren.

Oldest son is Riley Crites, 71, of Vicksburg, who is the father of five children, including Freal "Red" Crites, former Buckhannon-Upshur high school coach, now a partner in the Radix Sales Company here.

Another son is Wesley P. Crites, of Adrian, with whom the elderly couple are now making their home.

Other children include: Charles Crites, of Adrian; Mrs. Nola Rowan, of North Buckhannon, Ordie M. Crites, of Gould; Freddie C. Crites, of French Creek, Route 1; Mrs. Daisy A. Cutright, of Tennerton; Mrs. Ota Morrison, of Meadeville, Pa., and Ray H. Crites, of Adrian.

Two sons - Willie and Lloyd - and two daughter, Margaret and Mrs. Minnie B. Burr - are deceased.

Until a few weeks ago, according to his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wesley P. Crites, Mrs. Crites shaved himself everyday with a straight razor.

For more than half a century he was a blacksmith and, in his own words, "a good one too" - they came from miles around to get me to do their work:.

His wife fell down a flight of steps four years ago and was in a critical condition for a time. There were no broken bones, however, and she said she's bothered only slightly now by the effects of the fall.

Both are able to walk about the house, he with the aid of crutches, and both make periodic visits to the homes of their other children in this county.

He was asked to what he attributes the long life spans both he and his wife have enjoyed.

"The Almighty is responsible," he said. "He left us here for some reason. I don't know why but I know it's a good reason."

He said he and his wife were married on Christmas Day 72 years ago, when he was 28.

"I remember very well how old I was," he said, "for I was surprised to find that I actually was that old at the time -- and did not need the consent of my father to get married!"

His father was Abram L. Crites, who lived to the age of 96 although he was wounded in the Civil War. His father fought with the Union forces during four years of the war.

Mrs. Crites is the daughter of the late Martin and Susan Morris Casto. Her mother also was 96 at the time of her death.

For more than 40 years - before Mrs. Crites' fall - the couple lived at Gould, in a home atop a high hill.

They tended their own garden and did all their own work around the house until they sold the home.

Submitted by Rodger L. Crites. Peter and Mary were his great grandparents. Peter lived to be over 100 years old, dying in Dec. 1951. Mary lived to be 101, dying in 1956.



WOMAN PLACES LEWIS RECORDS FROM 1817-1865 INTO BINDERS

WESTON Marilyn Pumphrey has assembled the records of Lewis County marriage bonds and marriage licenses from 1817-65 into binders for public use at the Lewis County clerks' office.

The records were first copied from the originals, filed in the Lewis County Courthouse by the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants (HCPD),

with permission from the county commission and Mary Lou Myers, county clerk.

Pumphrey used a room in the Louis Bennett Public Library, leased by HCPD.

"These marriage bonds and licenses reveal not only the bride and groom, but the bondsmen, ministers and parents," said Robert Smith, vice president of HCPD. "As a note of interest, the groom had to put up a bond of \$150 in those days," said Smith.

"The copies in binders are now more readily available, but of more importance, the originals, which are fragile, are protected from everyday use," said Maurice L. Allman, president.



Error in Ancestor Memorial Fund List – Last Issue!

Vol. XV Issue 2 1997 two of the memorials made by Geneva Hardman Hilliard were inadvertently left out. Geneva made donations to the library in memory of her mother, Frances Mae Wimer Hardman; her father, Odie Clausin Hardman, and, her grandmother, Florence Magdalena Claypole Wimer.

Also: The line for Doris Poinsett should have read Daniel and Mary Heavner Post 2GGP. We are sorry for these errors.

PHOTOS FEATURED ON FRONT PAGE

Large photos of the following persons can be found on the front page of the "Weston Democrat", issue January 11, 1902.

Frank Whelan – Democrat running for mayor

Jas. D. Atkinson- engineer, nominated by both parties - alderman 1st ward.

Allan A. Warren- hardware merchant, nominated by Dem. Party - alderman, 2nd ward.

Duncan Ward- nominated by Dem. Party - 3 ward.

George Snyder- physician – nominated by Rep. Party – alderman - 3rd ward.

George H. Kitson- brick contractor – nominated by the Rep. Party – alderman - 2nd ward.

T.J. Blair- saddler – nominated by both parties – alderman – 4th ward.

Louis McBride- furniture dealer – nominated by Rep. Party – for mayor.

EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

AN OLD CITIZEN RELATES AN INTERESTING STORY OF THE TOWN AND RECALLS MANY INCIDENTS AND EVENTS OF BY-GONE HAPPY DAYS

Time Changes All Things

"The Democrat" Saturday, February 27, 1892

Written for The Democrat

Continuing a description of the old residences of the town our last letter brought us up to the G. J. Arnold brick which was the only remaining house on the East side of Centre street. Now we will take a look at Court street, starting at the corner opposite Judge John Brannon's on the West side and go north until we come to the alley on the South side, of which stood a small one-story frame house, owned by John Lorentz and occupied by Gideon Martin, the Methodist Circuit rider of the Lewis county Circuit. On the north corner of the alley stood a one-story frame, owned and occupied by Thos. S. Morris, and that ends the buildings on the west side of Court street. Now we will cross to the east side and commence at the Catholic Parsonage, then owned and occupied by Mathew Edmiston; then South to where the fine and spacious mansion of the Hon. Louis Bennett, where then stood a one-story brick built in the shape of a T, owned and occupied by John Lorentz; thence South to the lot now owned by Judge Henry Brannon, where was being erected a one story frame for Geo. J. Arnold; and now we are through with all the dwelling that the town contained at that time. We will now notice the condition of the streets and side

walks, as they appeared to an unsophisticated youth at that day. Main street had not been graded; it belonged to and was worked as the county roads are worked. A boy sixteen years of age was liable to work on the public road. The County Court then, as now, appointed an overseer or surveyor. It was his duty to warn out all the men and boys twice a year to work on the public roads. Being sixteen, I was notified to work the road. Cabel Tavner was the overseer. His precinct extended from Major Bland's hotel to what is now known as the Woodford crossing. We commenced at the above mentioned hotel and worked down Main street. We had neither horses nor plough, but did the work with the pick and shovel. I remember that along where Charles O'Hara and W. L. Dunnington now reside the water was standing in puddles. The overseer wanted a drain cut to take the water off. Some of the boys proposed to commence where the fall was sufficient and cut the drain up to the water. "Oh no," said Mr. Tavner, "the best and only way to cut a drain is to let the water follow you and then you are sure to be right." So we let the water follow. There was not one foot of stone or brick pavement in the town at that time. In some places there were some slabs—two laid side by side and spiked to cross pieces laid along for the purpose. I remember that in front of Mr. A. A. Lewis' store there was a drain and a very low place and it became almost impassable in the fall and winter. I have seen four horse teams get mired in that place and have to be pried up in order to get out. In order to construct a temporary side walk they had to

trestle and lay slabs across the trestling and then it was funny to see the boys crossing when it was icy. Many a fall I have seen them get, and when they went down they landed in the mud and water to their great disgust. It will be remembered that the town had not been incorporated yet! All the streets and alleys were in a like condition if not worse.

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I will now try to give a short _____ of the various industries of the town. There were three saddle and Harness makers shops. _____ business was conducted by the following names gentlemen: Mr. _____ as Fisher, Mr. John Morrow and Mr. Geo. A. Jackson. Mr. Fisher's shop was located in _____ frame building where his _____ brick now stands. Mr. Fisher, ---everyone knows who is acquainted with him, was an industrious, energetic and persevering man, doing good and honest work, ___ it his chief business to __ to every one who dealt with __ the worth of his money, and __ consequence of his fair and ___ dealing with his customers retained their patronage to an extent that enabled him to acquire considerable property and lay by a competency for his declining years. He is still at the old stand and can be found looking as pleasant and feeling, no doubt, as accommodating as of yore. In church relationship he is a Methodist Episcopal, in politics a Democrat.

The late John Morrow conducted the business in an old shop that stood where the barber shop now stand, adjoining the shop of H. H. Smith. Mr. Morrow was a

fine workman and was very liberal and accommodating to his customers, aiming at all time to give them just equivalent for their money. He surpassed most men in height—he stood six feet—was well proportioned and had very dark hair and eyes. In appearance he was commanding; a fine talker, with an inexhaustible fund of anecdote; a good business man, and liked and trusted by everyone with whom he come in contact. In politics at that time a Whig. I will have more to say of him.

George A. Jackson carried on the business next door below E. Fisher's Mr. Jackson was in very bad health. In workmanship he was very neat as well as expeditious. He was very spare, rather inclined to be stooped; a well read man and a deep thinker, and proved himself to be a man of fine business qualifications. He was slow to make friends but when made was as true as steel; a man of great discernment and penetration, very seldom deceived in men and things generally. In politics he was an uncompromising Whig.

Isaac P. McBride and Jesse Woofter were cabinet makers. Mr. McBride carried on business in an old shop that stood where H. H. Smith's shop now stands. As a mechanic he was unsurpassed at that day. It is true there was but few calls for fine furniture at that time, but when it was called for Mr. McBride was the man to accommodate them. he was a man that had but little to say as a general thing, but was well posted on the topics of the day; a fine mathematician, and a large, robust and fine looking man.

Jesse Woofter had his shop on the East side of Centre street in a part of the old Lazell building, opposite James Burns' building. Mr. Woofter was a very expeditious and good workman and turned out a great quantity of furniture. As a man he was kind, social and benevolent, was very popular and stood high among his friends. He was a great sportsman and could out travel any man through the woods and over the hills that I ever knew. . A.K. Holloway and W. W. Warder imported the first pair of hounds that were ever in the town, and they had fine sport chasing the deer and fox through the hills, as there was abundance of game at that time. As I shall have more to say of Mr. Woofter I will pass on to speak of Weston's pioneer blacksmiths, Benjamin Pritchard and Preston Dawson.

Mr. Pritchard's shop was located on Main street about where J. H. Bare's neat and tasty residence now stands. Here I will state that all horse shoes and the nails to fasten them on with were forged and made by hand and a good shoer was considered a very important personage, and was patronized from far and near. Capt. Pritchard was considered a character of that kind; he was also good on edge tools and was very hard to surpass on the butcher's knife; therefore, he was kept busy pretty much all the time. Although he has long since abandoned his old shop he has not abandoned the trade and can be found at any day of the week, Sunday excepted, at his forge on Second street just West of the foundry, where he will meet you with a smile on his countenance

and ask you if you want your horse shod.

Mr. Dawson's forge occupied the site where James Forinash's furniture store now stands. He was a very large and stout man and could wield the hammer with the best of them. As a shoer he was hard to beat, and in the manufacture of trace and log chains he was unsurpassed. In the fall of that year he was appointed Constable to the Town District and served in that capacity for some months. The old gentleman is still following his trade, and although he is not quite so active and sprightly, he still can pound iron and fashion it into such things as the farmer may need.

Conrad Kester was the only gunsmith in the town at that time. Every hunter and marksman will say that he understood his business to a degree of proficiency that few men attain. Mr. Kester was a man of medium size, but a more compact, well developed, muscular man you would seldom see; very active and quick, in physical power unsurpassed by any man of his size and weight in the county. He was a fine marksman himself and would manufacture a rifle and drive the center with it oftener than any man in the community. He was rather better educated than a majority of the mechanics of his day and had a large patronage. Mr. Kester is still living but is incapacitated by age and infirmity from performing any manual labor. He is said to be the oldest man in the county, being up in ninety.

An Old Citizen

to be continued.



NAME INDEX OF CIVIL WAR DOCUMENT FILES

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Submitted by Noel Tenney

Each name file contains 1-3 possible pieces of information, pay voucher, bond, etc. The files may be seen at the Upshur County Historical Society. It appears that these soldiers, mustered at Buckhannon, were all Federal troops.

Anglin, William B.
Arbighast, McHenry
Armstrong, Henry H.
Armstrong, William S.
Austin, Joseph N.
Ayers, Lysander J.

Barnes, Geo. R.
Bailey, Joseph C.
Bailey, Benjamin F.
Bash, Wm D.
Bean, Gabriel
Beer, George
Been, George
Beer, Reuben D.
Bennett, Andrew J.
Bennett, Elias
Bennett, Elizah
Bennett, I.M.
Bennett, Solomon M.
Black, Andrew J.
Black, Lorenzo D.
Black, Martin V.
Blagg, William
Bogges, Henry C.
Bonnett, Francis M.
Bonnett, Marcellus
Boseley, R. L.
Bouse, Jesse S.
Bowyer, James T.
Bowyer, William ?
Boyles, E. D.

Boyles, E. F.
Boyles, Micheal
Brake, Jacob J.
Brake, John G.
Brake, George J.
Brown, John M. D.
Brown, William W.
Browning, James M.
Bryan, William F.
Bunton, Alonzo C.
Burner, George W.
Burr, Benton
Burr, John e.
Burr, William
Burrows, Jacob M.
Buchannon, Thomas

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Canley, J. C.
Caricuff, Henry N.
Carter, Jasper
Carter, Thomas A.
Casto, Simon
Castle, James L.
Cayton, M.
Chidester, Presley
Clarke, Thomas E.
Clarke, Wm. M.
Cochran, James F.
Collins, Isaac
Collier, Strather
Collins, Samuel
Crites, Homer

Colerider, John M.
Colerider, Wm. L.
Coon, James K. P.
Cottrill, Wm.
Crawford, Noah
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Currence, A.M.
Curry, Isaac W.
Curry, Robert
Cutright, Abraham
Cutright, Amos
Cutright, Chapman C.
Cutright, Clark
Cutright, Clayton P.
Cutright, Daniel
Cutright, Enoch
Cutright, Granville L.
Cutright, Gideon M.
Cutright, Ishmael
Cutright, Lemuel R.
Cutright, Jacob W.
Cutright, Perry

Deen, Martin
Deem, John s. W.
Deem, James D.
Deem, William S.
Demoss, James S.
Depoy, Wesley
Dooly, ? Eblem
Douglas, James
Duncan, John W.

Farnsworth, Daniel M.
 Farnsworth, John S. W.
 Farra, Henry
 Farrow, Charles
 Fitzgerald, James
 Fletcher, G(Gilmore) C.
 Fogg, M. J.
 Fronsman, Nelson J.
 Foster, John A.
 Fretwell, F. W.
 Frymore, William
 George, Thomas A.

Gillum, Alfred A.
 Gladwell, Andrew
 Gladwell, Charles S.
 Gladwell, Charles D.
 Gladwell, David C.
 Gould, Chandler D.
 Gould, Charles H.
 Gould, Bernard P.
 Gould, Gilbert
 Gross, John A.
 Gregory, Adam
 Gum, Benjamin F.
 Gum, George W.
 Gum, Andrew

Haddock, Elza
 Haney, William F.
 Hanline, Jacob
 Hart, C.W.
 Hart, S.B.
 Hart, Joseph
 Haskins, John T.
 Heavner, Elias M.
 Heavner, Gideon M.
 Heavner, Jacob W.
 Henline, Asa
 Herndon, Chapman W.
 Hersman, Edwin
 Hersman, Perry
 Hess, ?Jason
 Hess, Newton
 Hinkle, Abram A.
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 Hinkle, Minter J.
 Hornbeck, William
 Hosaflook, Abram
 Hurst, John L.
 Hyre, Elijah W.
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 Hyre, John W.

Jackson, Andrew M.
 Jackson, John M.
 Jackson, Marion O.
 Jackson, Samuel D.
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Kearns, Andrew
 Kelly, Jas. W.
 Kelley, N.C.
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 Kellison, Wm.
 Kidd, Elias
 King, John W.
 Kittle, Francis S.
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Lanham, Ephraim
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 Lawman, James
 Law, Wm. W.
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 Leonard, Ebinezer
 Leonard, Levi
 Leonard, William
 Lewis, Hanibal P.
 Lewis, Marcellus
 Life, Draper C.
 Light, Francis M.
 Longanetta, James
 Little, Robert A. ? T.
 Lorentz, Lafayette L.

Lorentz, Jasper N.
 Lorentz, G.C.
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 Love, John J.
 Lowe, Pleasant P.
 Lowe, Wm. W.
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 Lowman, John S.

McCloud, James T.
 McFadden, James L.
 McGahan, John
 McNulty, William A.
 Madison, George
 Malone, Benjamin F.
 Martin, Fountain H.
 Martin, George W.
 Martin, O.W.
 Markley, Joseph
 Matheny, Stephen W.
 Matheny, John e.
 Maxson, Jacob C.
 Mick, Wm. E.
 Mick, Solomon
 Miller, James H.
 Miller, John
 Mitchell, J.A.
 Montgomery, Robert I.
 Montgomery, J.F.
 Moody, John W.
 Moody, Jonathan
 Moon, Nathaniel
 Moore, Oscar
 Mollahan, Arnold
 Morison, Jacob
 Morland, Thomas G.
 Munday, Nimrod G.
 Myres, Joseph
 Napier, James P.
 Neely, Alva
 Neely, Anthony

Osburn, Aquilla
 Osburn, Marshall
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 Ours, Nicholas Jr.

Paugh, Benjamin F.
 Patterson, James H.
 Pence, Jonathan
 Perry, Hubbard B.
 Perry, John
 Perry, Wilber D.
 Peters, Frances M.
 Peterson, David T.
 Phillips, Beecher W.
 Phillips, Bunten
 Phillips, David
 Phillips, George
 Phillips, Levi
 Phillips, Lothrop
 Phillips, Simeon
 Phillips, Wallace B.
 Post, George
 Pringle, John
 Pringle, Richard M.W.
 Pullin, Wesley

Queen, Benton
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Ratliff, George W.
 Radabaugh, I.M.
 Radabaugh, Isaac
 Rapp, Samuel A.
 Reed, Lafayette
 Reger, B.S.
 Reger, Martin
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 Reynolds, S.W.
 Reynolds, Watson R.
 Riffle, Daniel J.
 Riffle, David P.
 Riggs, J.L.
 Roach, Jacob
 Roach, Jonathan
 Roberts, Nelson
 Robinson, Andrew
 Robinson, Lemuel E.
 Rollins, Abraham S.
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 Rohrbaugh, C.P.
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 Teter, Jacob
 Thomason, John M.
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 Tillman, Rudolph Tolbert,
 Jacob Toms, Dillard
 Trimble, R.P.

Upton, Alpheus H.

Vangilder, Fredrick
 ?Vowter, Julies

Waggy, John A.
 Wallace, Rects??
 Wamsley, Alonzo
 Warner, Adison M.
 Warner, A.M.
 Warner, George M.
 Warner, John L.
 Warner, Marshall
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 Weaver, John W.
 Wentz, Lewis H.
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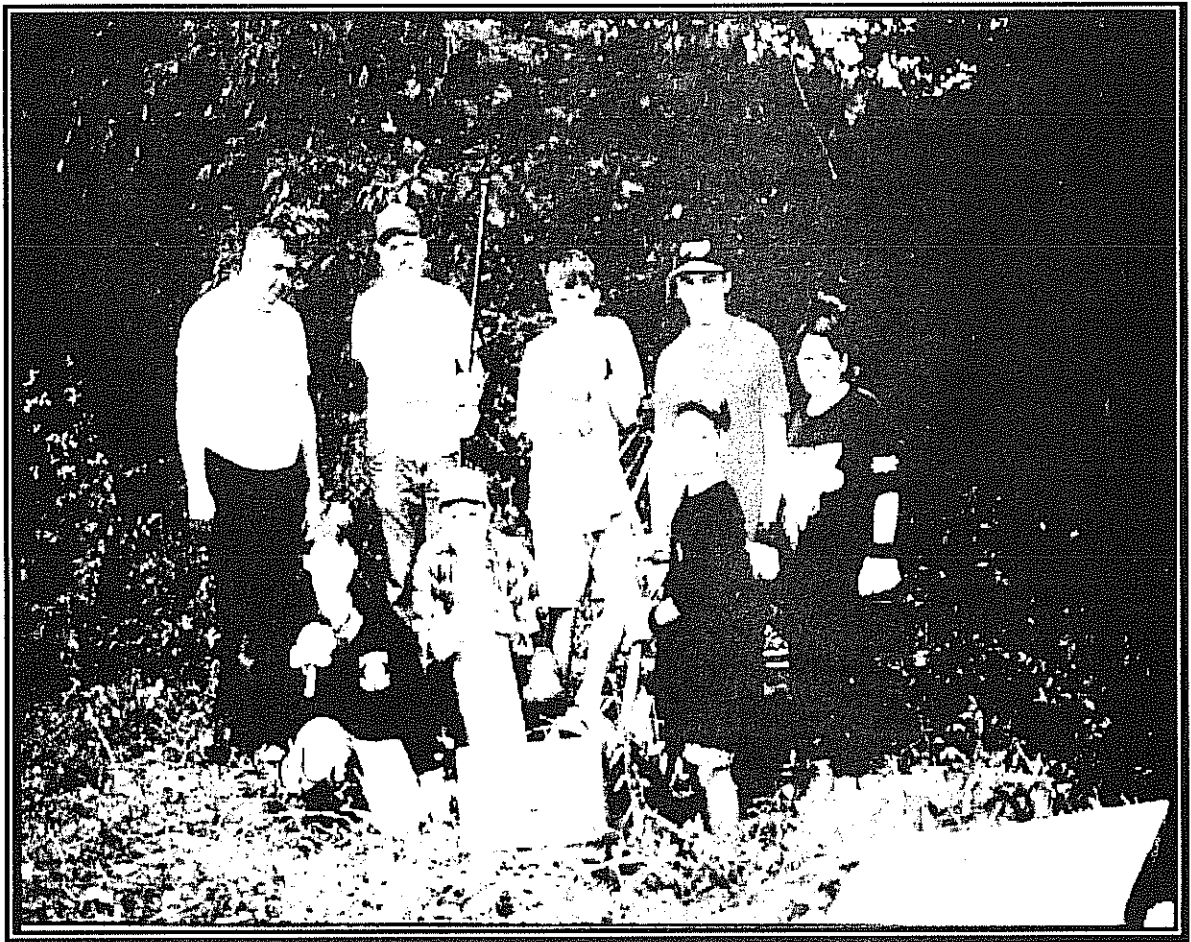
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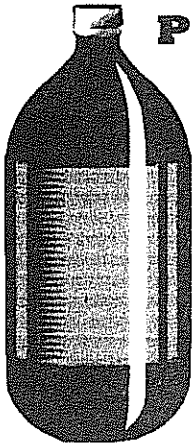
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Peterson Cemetery Gets A Face Lift



Scouts Clean Up David Peterson Cemetery on Polk Creek

Front Row: Caleb Vankirk, Jeff Light, Mark Shuman, Back Row: Gary Skidmore, Jerry Light, Matt Lamb, Eric Hornung, and Justin Nixon. Not pictured: Robin Light and Carol Skidmore. Jeff Light earned his Eagle Scout with this project.



Pop Tax And My Pop

What is/was the Pop Tax?

Submitted by Mary Sleeth Creamer

Prior to the late 1950's, WVU's medical school was only a 2- year school- the students had to go elsewhere to finish their MD's - a great number of them went on to the Medical College of Virginia. Anyway, in the mid 1950's, West Virginia finally recognized the need for a 4-year school of medicine. The problem was how to finance not only the building, but, the operation of this establishment. The plan that was devised, mostly from the suggestions of the non-legislators working on the project, was to add a one cent tax to every bottle of pop, and a couple of other items, sold in the state. At this time pop was mostly a nickel a bottle and the price immediately went to a dime because of vending machines. The large bottles- quarts, I think- there were no liters & two & three liters had a two cent tax.

Anyway, this cent created an amazing amount of money and was a great and painless source of income for what is now the Health Sciences Center. And even though the price of pop has gone up and up and up- the tax never did. I don't remember exactly when the little outlines of West Virginia with the numbers one or two quit appearing on the caps or tops of every bottle or can, but that was when the legislature in all its great wisdom repealed this tax. I think it was just a little while before parts of the services began being privatized. Does anyone see a connection?

Anyway, why no one had thought of this method of financing an important project before or has thought of it since is beyond me!

My Dad - Who And What

My dad was Clark K Sleeth, who among other things, was the second dean of the 4-year med school and was responsible for the formation of the Family Practice department being added to that school. The Family Practice Center was named for him (posthumously) at a special dedication last year. He was a Methodist preacher's kid who had lived in (not necessarily in order) Logansport (where he was born), Beverly, Summersville, Arnettsville, and Morgantown (I'm leaving out somewhere) before graduating from Morgantown High in the first class in the new (current) high school. He attended WVU and the two year school of med, took two years off to work, and finished at the University of Chicago. He served in WWII and then returned to Morgantown where he spent his entire professional life on the staff of WVU School of Medicine- teaching internal medicine and later becoming dean. After retiring from the deanship because he didn't like the fundraising and administrative details required by the feds, he became acting head of the Family Practice department while it got up and running. He also served as a consultant to the National Institutes of Health in Atlanta, on the Harvard Medical School Search

**HE WAS ONE OF THE PHYSICIANS
WHO CHECKED OUT THE
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Committee, and was one of the physicians who checked out the astronauts in Houston after they returned from space (We kids didn't know this until he had stopped doing it- we knew he went to some kind of meeting in Houston, but never put the 2 events together!!). He spent 12 years on the Monongalia County School Board, as director of the Monongalia County Health Department, on the finance committee of his church, etc... He was also a member of an illustrious (?) group of Mountaineers known as the Polecats about which some of you may have heard wild stories (probably true). He was also an admiral in Jim Comstock's Cherry River Navy. He was awarded the Order of Vandalia in 1972 (my mother was awarded the same in 1982 and wears his sash) for outstanding service to West Virginia University. His dad was Waitman T "Willey" Sleeth and his mother was Pleasant Kendall of Mannington. He and 4 other West Virginia doctors were the leaders of the fight to get the Medical School in Morgantown where it could be easily associated with the rest of WVU instead of Charleston which is where much of the legislature wanted it to be. I am probably leaving out a lot of other things, but this is enough for now. I imagine some of you more mature (didn't I do that nicely?) West Virginians out there might have had occasion to meet him at some time. As Joy says, he was a person West Virginia can be very proud of- especially since most of his accomplishments were things he never talked about.



An Old Heirloom *Early Days In Weston At a Quilting*

"Weston Democrat" August 3, 1889

Mrs. M. W. Harrison has in her possession a quilt which she prizes very highly -- not by reason of it's intrinsic value but on account of its history and its extreme old age. It belonged to her mother Mrs. Weedon Hoffman and is over fifty years old. It was among the household goods which fell to her after the death of her father. In earlier times, what was then known as "Quiltings" was a very popular amusement of the young people in those days in Weston and this piece of needlework is the result of an evening spent at the residence of Col. Hoffman, who then lived in a small house where George Ross' store now stands. Among the ladies present evidently were, Mrs. Mary Ann Barnes (whose maiden name was Mary Ann Olivia Wilson) Miss Lucy Moxley, Ireland Bastable, Mrs. Eliza Newlon, now of Sutton (who was Miss Eliza Poole Camden) as their initials are plainly discernible and artistically worked, most likely by their own hands. These ladies will no doubt remember the occasion and it will recall many long years ago when they were among the very young ladies of Weston.

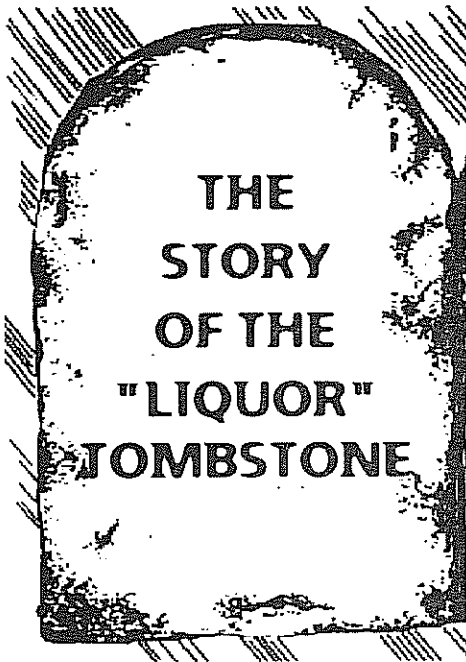
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The Forks of Cheat Church pre-dates the state of West Virginia by almost a hundred years. From its front steps in Monongalia County, you look over a vista that includes not only West Virginia and Pennsylvania, but a small part of Maryland as well. The church sits on a knoll just off the road. Next to the church along the stone driveway is a graveyard. Members of the church have been buried there for as long as the church has been there. Just a few steps from the front steps of the church is a large tombstone bearing the names of two people. The monument is about five feet tall and looks like a very ornate monument. Even though it has been there for almost a hundred years, it still looks almost new and its design is as contemporary as a stone that might be placed today. But this is not a typical tombstone. This is a liquor tombstone.

Joe Gluck is a former pastor of the Forks of Cheat Church. He told me that the most unique feature of this stone is that it is not made of stone at all. The liquor tombstone is made of metal and is hollow. According to Joe, there was a ten year period around the turn of the century when whoever invented the hollow metal tombstone made a good bit of money. These stones became very popular and there are a good number of them scattered around West Virginia graveyards. The reason they were popular, according to Joe, is the fact that they were much cheaper than stone and marble markers, and the lower price allowed families to place larger monuments to the deceased.

But this particular tombstone became more than a marker. It became a landmark. During prohibition it was one of the most popular places to visit for University students. The reason: Pennsylvania bootleggers used the hollow tombstone to place deliveries requested by the students and for several years it was a thriving enterprise. Here's how it worked.

After dark, a buyer would sneak up on the church property. There he would immediately head for the hollow tombstone. The nameplates on the tombstone were held in place by three screws. With not much effort, the nameplate could be removed and cash placed inside the hollow tombstone along with a note describing what the student hoped to purchase. He would then put the nameplate back in place and leave. That was done on night one.

On night two the Pennsylvania bootleggers would make their way over the hills and climb up the back way to the church graveyard. There they would retrieve the order and the cash. They would deposit the liquor inside the tombstone and then replace the nameplate that now concealed the "hooch" and take off with their money.

On the third night, the students would return and retrieve their illegal spirits. It had to be on the third night to insure that the buyers and sellers never ran into each other. The entire transaction was done on the honor system

because the bootleggers knew that if they ever made off with the money without delivering the goods, the next time they went to make a drop they would be greeted by a group of very angry students. These angry students would be there with two goals in mind - to get the liquor and teach the bootleggers a lesson in good business.

Source: "The Guide", January 30, 1993 pg. 15, by Mike Simons "Around and About" column

BURNED VIRGINIA COUNTY COURTHOUSES

There Is Still Hope for Researchers

The state library says that it is not entirely hopeless to find information for these counties. If you have a specific request they have books telling what is available for each county. There is also a book titled Preliminary Guide to Pre 1904 County Records in the Archives Branch of the Virginia State Library and Archives. In 1992 the price for this publication was \$5.00. Address; Virginia State Library & Archives, Publication Dept, 11th and Capitol, Richmond, Va. 23219. Also available on inter library loan Call # is 35.64 V85 1987.

The following is a list of the counties in Virginia where records were burned.

Accomack	destroyed 1892
Buchanon	1885, then 1977
Caroline	prior to 1836 and Civil War
Charles City	Civil War
Dinwiddie	prior to 1833 and Civil War
Elizabeth City	Rev War, 1812 and Civil War
Gloucester	1821 fire, 1865 Civil War
Henrico	prior to 1655 to 1677
	again 1865 Civil War
James City	Civil War
King William	Fire 1885
King & Queen	Fire 1828, 1865
Matthews	1865
Nansemond	1866
New Kent	1787(by John Price Posey), 1865
Prince George	Fire Civil War
Stafford	Vandals in Civil War
Warwick	Civil War
Hanover	Destroyed in 1865



"Some Civil War Reminiscences"

by Jacob Heater

Mr. Heater, who served in the Confederate Army, is about 70 years old. The article was written by him for the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Clarksburg, where he now resides, and is published in the Democrat at the request of some of his friends. -- Editor

No historian will ever recount the many acts of cruelty and suffering among our own people during the Civil War. It is not my intention to kindle the fires again, but to give in a straight forward manner, without any impartiality whatever, the following facts. It may be useful in paralleling these days with those of today in Europe. It was my intention to write this article many years ago, when my physical and mental condition was much stronger than it is today; but never had it put in print, for the reason that I had never been to interview any of the witnesses to the tragedy. And now I learn what was gathered from hearsay does not differ very materially from the story of one who bears the scars today. If any difference, the story from his own lips is more horrible. But these things are facts, and we challenge any person now living to prove anything to the contrary. A wish many can produce a strong argument on any subject, be it right or wrong. We all know there are always two sides to any controversy.

In the early 60's much like today, people talked very little of anything except war, and war we had with all its tragical events. The tongue nor the pen nor the hand of the artist can portray the human mind the realities of war. We who have participated in it are unable to give a very vivid picture of it, but it is indelibly stamped on memory, as if it were only yesterday.

Some time in June, a small force of federal soldiers, under the command of General Tyler, invaded what is now West Virginia. When they reached Braxton and Gilmer counties, they met opposition. On their way from what is now Burnsville, West Virginia, to Sutton they found the road obstructed by felled trees, which was the beginning of hostilities.

The man living nearest the obstruction was Benjamin Haymond, a man of more than ordinary intelligence, a kind husband and father, and highly respected by his neighbors. He was a fine singer and violinist. He believed in getting all the pleasure out of life there was in it. His blue-coated visitors placed Mr. Haymond under cover (?). They took him out in the hot sun and compelled him to wield an axe until his hands were blistered. When he gained his liberty he shouldered his gun and swore vengeance on his persecutors. He and a few of his neighbors armed themselves as best they could and commenced a war on their own "hook." They neither asked for quarter nor gave any. The first man they killed was a federal cavalryman named Thomas Devolt, who was detailed to guard the mail carrier between Weston and Sutton. The mail carrier made his escape in the direction of the town of Sutton. He met a few soldiers at a farmer's

house and when he told his story the farmer jumped to the conclusion that Tom Stout and his sons had killed the guard. The officer said, "Where does Tom Stout live?" The farmer replied, "Down the road, up a holler to the left."

The first house they came to they thought to be the place they were looking for. They raised their guns to shoot the man just entering the door, but he got inside too quickly. They approached the house and asked the man his name. He told them it was Sanford Skinner. "Well," said the officer, "you were lucky to get in the house so quickly. Where is Tom Stout?" Mr. Skinner told the gentleman he lived a short distance down the road, up a small stream to the left. They found Mr. Stout and his two boys at home -- one a young man, the other a boy of fifteen years. They saw the soldiers coming and could easily have made their escape, but as they were innocent of any wrong they never thought of trying to get away. Now we have the words from the lips of a man who was at that time a boy of fifteen years of age -- Mr. Isaac Stout, a wealthy farmer of Gilmer County, and one of the directors of the Burnsville Exchange Bank. Mr. Stout gives a vivid description of what followed. "The officer in charge of the soldiers had a black beard, black eyes, and was the most vicious looking man I have ever seen. He told us to fall in. My father says, 'Are you going to take the boy?' He replied, 'We are going to take all of you.' After crossing Salt Lick Bridge and going to within a short distance of where the cavalryman had been killed, they were told to halt in the middle of the road and prepare to die. Mr. Stout fell on his knees to plead for his life and the lives of his sons. While on his knees they shot him through the heart and then, running bayonets through his body, pushed him over the bank out of the road. The oldest boy started to run. When he jumped over the bank they fired at him and the powder from one of the guns burned his neck. The little boy walked up to one of the soldiers pleading for his life, saying 'Oh, don't kill me.' The soldier drew up his gun and said, 'Don't come near me.' At that he turned to see what was going on behind, when one of the guard fired at his feet with an old army musket loaded with round and three buckshot. The ball just grazed his head and the three buckshot hit him in the face. One entered the lower jaw and took off a piece of the bone and some teeth and out the edge of his tongue. His tongue is crooked today, but the injury did not affect his speech. The other two buckshot lodged in his cheekbones and the scars are yet plainly visible.

The writer wishes to make this assertion, and there is not a shadow of a doubt about it: Thomas Stout and his sons were innocent of what they were charged with, or of any wrong doing whatever, as the child yet unborn. Mr. Stout says the shock knocked him to the ground, and while suffering terrible from his wounds he could hear the mob shooting at his brother, saying "Hurry up, run." But he made his escape and reached the confederate lines and joined the army, and it may be supposed that he did his duty well in legitimate conflict.

When the war ended the young man returned to his home, or, more properly speaking, what had been his home, for nearly everything had been destroyed. He lived and died near the scene of his boyhood home just what he had always been -- a peaceable, law-abiding citizen loved and respected by all who knew him. His whole life shoed the general character of the man. He never raised a hand to resent the cruelty and injustice done his father and brother. Now we will let Mr. Stout finish this little narrative.

"While they were chasing my brother I raised up on my elbows and looked at my father. He moved his head two or three times and died without speaking another word. When the soldiers came back they looked at me and probably thought I was dead. When they left I got up and started through the woods towards Mr. Wyatt's farm. When near the house Mrs. Wyatt saw me and did not know me, although we were neighbors. Then I had to go through a field to another piece of woods. They could have easily tracked me by the blood on the weeds. When I came to the fence I was getting very weak and could hardly get over. But as soon as I crossed the fence I found a small spring of water, with a little hole dug in the ground. I drank some of the water and bathed my face in it until it looked like blood. Then with great difficulty I started up the hill toward Mr. Squires' farm on Salt Lick.

When near the top of the hill I found more water running over a ledge of rock. Here I tried to wash off the blood, but it had little effect. When I got down to Mr. Squires' fence I saw his dog and knew him. The dog came to me. Then I motioned Mr. Squires and Enoch Heater, who were working in the field, to come to me. Mr. Squires said, "I don't know you. Is there somebody killed?" I nodded my head. "Is there any other person hurt?" I shook my head. Mr. Squires said, "I don't know you, but come with me to the house and I will dress your wound." When I started to walk Enoch Heater said, "That's Isaac Stout." I nodded my head. he knew me by my walk. We were raised almost in sight of each other.

After my face was washed I picked out a long piece of lead that was lodged in my mouth. It appears that my jaw bone had shaved it off as slick as if out by a knife. It was intended for me to stay in the house and have the dog watch for the soldiers, but they came too soon and found me in the house. I heard one soldier say, "Oh, never mind; he will die anyway." It was the same gang that had done the shooting. Then I went out in the woods and crawled under a big log, and next day mother and sister came down to look for me. I heard mother calling my name, but could not answer her. I somehow managed to get up and go and meet her.

My face and breast were swollen terrible and I had a high fever. Mother took me to a cold spring. She had towels and as soon as one was warm she would put another in its place. Then mother would say, "Do you feel any better?" I would not my head. It was several days before I could take any nourishment except in liquid form. Then mother had to go to some officer and get a permit to take my father home and give him a decent burial in the orchard close by our once happy home.

Our family are all gone but myself. After the war, I went down to Ben Haymond's and saw a cavalryman's sword and carbine. I said "Where did you get those things?" He said, "I took them off the man you and your father were shot for." Mrs. Mary E. Bragg, now a resident of Clarksburg, W. Va. and a sister of the writer, who was living with our mother, little sisters and one brother close enough to the scene of this tragedy to hear the guns firing, knew some of the facts of this raid, but they must be omitted because they are unfit for publication. After murdering Mr. Stout they came down to our house. The sight could be equaled only by savages. They appeared to be imbued with the idea they could kill everybody on suspicion. Mother sat down in a chair and commenced to cry.

One of the soldiers, with his sleeves rolled up and blood still on his hands and bayonet came up to mother and shook his bloody fist under her nose, saying, "Here is the blood of one dammed sechs and if only I had your husband I would fix him the same way." My sister says they dug a little hole in the ground near the road, dragged Mr. Stout's body into it, covered it with a few leaves and a little dirt, and let it lay there for three or four days before his wife was allowed to remove it. When she came part of his face could be seen through the leaves and dirt. This is No. 1.

Almost insight of where this brutal murder was committed was another, which for cruelty and brutality, has scarcely been equaled in ancient or modern times. Whether or not it was done by the same persons we do not know. We only know they wore the uniforms of U.S. soldiers. About the same time there lived at what is now Heaters a well-to-do farmer named Samuel Singleton with his wife and four children. He was a man who believed in staying at home and attending strictly to his own business. And the writer wishes to say that up to the time of the Civil War he was the best friend I ever had except my father and mother. The last words I ever heard him say was when we were starting to join the army. I asked, "Are you going to join the army?" The answer was quick and decisive, "No, I am going to do my fighting at home." It is a well known fact that up to that time he was a man who had never known fear and his arm had never met defeat. But it has been related; and I think from a reliable source, that when the soldiers came into the country he lost his nerve completely. He buried his clothes and money and it has been claimed that the money was never found. He took his horse and rifle and went to the woods. A few days later a bunch of soldiers passing a house saw a small boy start out with something they thought looked suspicious. They placed the boy under guard and frightened him and made him tell where he was going. Then they made him pilot him to where Mr. Singleton was camped.

Here is the boy's story: "When he got in sight of his camp, he was sitting on a log apparently asleep with his hand down and his rifle lying across his lap. Then several of the soldiers fired at him without saying a word. When he fell off the log they rushed up and prodded him with their bayonets. Then they tied his hands and feet together and ran a pole through them and two men at a time would carry him on their shoulders. When they came to John Heater's house they laid him down in the road and went in and asked Mr. Heater, "That is Sam Singleton, my neighbor. He lived in that house right up there." "Well, that is who we thought it was." They took him on, as if he were a hog, to his own house and threw him down in the yard in front of his wife and children, and when they cut the cords off his hands and feet, he opened his eyes and looked at them, turned over and died without speaking a word. A few minutes later General Tyler rode up to the house, got off his horse, called for water and towel, and got down on his knees and washed Mr. Singleton's face and shed tears over the lifeless body of his former friend.

It was the writer's privilege to be personally acquainted with General Tyler before the war, and he was every inch a man; but it appears that he had got into an Old Dog Tray scrape. I think it is safe to say without fear of contradiction that neither General Tyler nor the administration at Washington was to blame for the wrongs done the non-combatants. While there were bush-

whackers on both sides, the fact was deplored by law-abiding citizens. It is a well known fact that the day Thomas Stout was murdered he had just returned from a visit to some of his neighbors to plead with them to refrain from unlawful acts, as it was certain to be disastrous for innocent people. Such was the character of Thomas Stout. Of that there is not a shadow of a doubt. Now in my declining years, when the shadows are growing longer and the sun of life is sinking low in the west, I can view these past events with a clearer conception than ever before. It has often been my wish to see some fair-minded historian like Flavious Josephus take up the leaders of both sides, place them in the scales of justice and weigh them impartially and without prejudice. Read the histories of both sides and you find they are conflicting -- written generally with bias enough to confuse man's judgment. Not all the wrongs were done by bush-whackers. Some of them originated at headquarters.

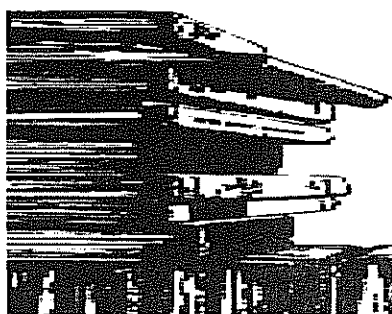
The Hampton Roads conference is a mystery. The order sent from Washington to destroy the Valley of Virginia and the forty mile swath through the state of Georgia with its blackened chimneys when the south was virtually whipped to a frazzle will be blots on the memory of those who engineered it while history endures. When they kindled these fires they started a blaze that will burn forever. But no fair-minded man can blame the whole administration at Washington for all this wanton destruction. If someone should ask me who, in my judgment, were two of the most exalted types of manhood on either side, I would say unhesitatingly, Abraham Lincoln and General Lee. So, if future generations chance to read these lines they may see they were not written in a spirit of revenge. I have several reasons for writing this article. I do not believe there has been heretofore a single line written on these tragedies, and it is my wish to do what I can in my feeble way to vindicate my friends, so that future generations may know the truth. Of the children of these two men, but one of each are today living -- Isaac Stout of Sand Fork, Gilmer County, West Virginia, and Daniel Singleton of Heaters, W. Va.

Those who know anything about these tragedies from personal experience are few, being Hedding Squires and wife, of Shaversville, W. Va., Joseph Taylor of Newville, W. Va., Mary E. Bragg and Mary Wyatt, both of Clarksburg, W. Va. Most of the old people living today were but children when the war between the states was going on and were too young to comprehend the full meaning of it. Few people will ever understand what a sad retrospection it brings to the writer of these lines. But old age mostly thinks backward. I have not the flow of the English language to express correctly the deep sorrow my heart feels for the cruel manner in which my boyhood friends were murdered. To do the subject justice I would need the eloquence of Robert Ingersoll and the pathos of Robert Burns combined.

The above article a mimeographed sheet done by the WPA and found in a folder of Stout material from Ruby Andre Cox at Waldomore. Copied from the Braxton Democrat, Sutton, West Virginia, dated March 4, 1920.

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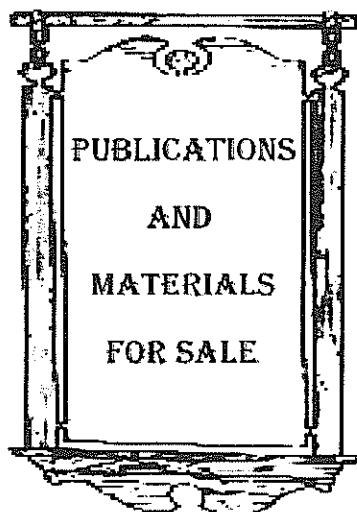
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1. Seeking all information on **JOSEPH WOLFE** and wife, name unknown. Had dau. **MARY WOLF** who m. **NICHOLAS CARPENTER**. Harrison Co., (W) VA. 3 Sept. 1792. May be other children.

• Seek information on **ELEANOR BOGARDUS** who m. **JOHN J. BROWN SR.** Lived in PA and then VA. Contact: **Carol Powell**, 2200 Johnson Ave. N.W. Apt. 2B. Cedar Rapids. IA 52405.

2. **MATTHEW EDMISTON**. b. 9 Sept. 1814. Little Levels, Pocahontas Co., (W)V. Pars. were **ANDREW EDMISTON** and his wife. **MARY "POLLY" GILLILAN/GILLILAND**. **MATTHEW** m. **MINERVA A. BLAND** 13 Feb. 1840 in Weston, Lewis Co. The 1870

census for family includes: **MATTHEW**, 55; **Minerva A.**, 48; **Harriet S.**, 28; **Thomas B.**, 25; **Theoderick G.**, 23; **Andrew**, 20; **Fanny** 15; **Mathew**, 13; **George**, 10 and **Ella R.** 7. **HARRIET** m. **CHARLES E. ANDERSON** 10 Apr. 1877, Lewis Co.; **THOMAS B.** m. **MARY ARNOLD** 11 Apr. 1871 Lewis Co.; **FANNY** m. **GEORGE M. FLEMING** 10 Dec. 1879, Lewis Co. Would like to correspond with anyone searching or who may be a descendant or have knowledge of these families. Contact: **Delbert B. Schuster**, 758 North Adams St., Lancaster, WI 53813-1107. (608) 723-2569.

3. Seeking information about the **LEWIS COUNTY REGISTRATION BOARD**? From what I've gathered, this body accused several citizens of Lewis County with sedition after the end of the Civil War. One of them was my gr-gr-grandfather, **ROBERT BLANKS MCCUTCHAN**. I'd like to find out what the charges were based upon, and any transcripts of the hearings. Many thousands actually took up arms against the Union, and were pardoned. There has to be something special about this handful of men to be tried. Contact: **Bill McCutchan**, 21 Firebush Lane, Northfield Center, OH. 44067 or e-mail at: bill@mccutchan.org.

4. Seeking descendants of **ARCHIBALD** (1811-1874) and **CHARLOTTE LOWTHER** (1813-1895). Their children were; **Elizabeth** (1836); **Margaret** (1840); **Alexander** (1842); **Sarah** (1838); **William** (1839); **Robert** (?) and **John**, of whom **Alexander**, my gr-gr-grandfather moved to Kansas in 1871. Contact: **Bill Lowther**, #160-101 Parkside Dr., Port Moody, B.C. Canada V3H4W6.

5. Researching the **Influenza Epidemic of 1918** which took lots of lives and seeking information on the mass graves and stories of the Hepzibah Cemetery (new and old) N19 of Clarksburg, halfway to Shinnston. Contact: **Maxine Stalnaker**, PO Box 345, Hepzibah, WV 26369, (304) 623-1861.
6. Where is the **Old Mill Creek Cemetery** in Petersburg, Grant Co., WV.? Also, does anyone know the location of the North Mill Lutheran & German Reformed Church nr Petersburg? Contact: **Rodger L. Crites**, 1446 Dodge N.W., Warren, OH 44485.
7. Desperately seeking information on four (4) families which resided in Lewis Co. in the early to mid 1800's. **WILLIAM SHIFFLETT** and wf. brought property in 1847 in Lewis Co., from **WATSON** and **RACHEL WESTFALL**. William d. in 1848 leaving the property to his five children and their spouses. These children are: 1) **ABSALOM SHIFFLETT**, wf **MARY WESTFALL**, 2) **SAMPSON SHIFFLETT**, wf **AMY GEAR**, 3) **FRANKEY JANE SHIFFLETT**, wf of one **HENRY FISHER ROSS** or **HENRY FISHER**, 4) **WINNY SHIFFLETT**, wf of **KILLIS HERRON**, 5) **WILLIAM M. SHIFFLETT** who m. **MARY MCCAULEY**. These children sold the property to **ROBERT H. CLARK** on Dec. 28, 1849.

I would like any information on (**ABSALOM**) **SHIFFLETT** and **MARY WESTFALL'S** family. Mary is the d/o **JOHN H. WESTFALL** and **ELIZABETH ALLMAN**. Also, **WILLIAM SHIFFLETT** and wf. **FRANCES J. ROACH**. Also **HENRY FISHER (ROSS)**, step-son of **JOSEPH ROSS**. Henry may be the son of **DANIEL FISHER**. And **KILLIS HERRON** and the Herron family. I will share what information I have with others. Contact: **Thomas H. Lewis**, 1537 Selden St., Virginia Beach, VA 23454, (757)481-5720.

8. Seeking information on parents and family of **MARTIN HARDMAN**. Also, I need parents of **Lewis/Louis Buffington**, b. in WV and m. in KY in 1834. Also, **WILLIAM GOULD**, b. in 1850 and lived in Taylor Co. Contact: **Jessie Hardman**, 4759 Blackthorne Ave., Long Beach, CA 90808.
9. **JOHN L. GILLASPIE/GILLISPIE/GILLESPIE** b. ca 1832-3; m. ca 1851 to **MARTHA J. (GILLASPIE?)** b. ca 1832-3. Some of their children were: **JAMES FRANKLIN GILLESPIE** b. ca 1852-3; m. 18 May 1871 **NANCY ANN BROWN**, b. ca 1848; children: **MINTER J.** b. 1871-2; m. #1 - 16 July 1893 **EFFIE M. HYER**, b. ca 1871; m. #2 - 18 July 1901 **LILLIE R. PETRY**, b. ca 1882; **LILLISAN N.** (son) b. ca 1876 and **DARIOUS A.** b. 1878; d. 1949 and **CLARK/TILLISON CLARK GILLESPIE** b. ca 1855; m. 19 Oct 1876 **SARA BYERS** b ca 1851: **Serene C. Gillespie** b. ca 1859. I am seeking any information on **JOHN L. GILLESPIE** or **MARTHA J. GILLESPIE** and other children. I think **MARTHA** may have had another son named **ROBERT LEE GILLESPIE** b. 1865. In the 1860 census for Braxton Co., **MARTHA J.**, **JAMES F.**, **CLARK** and **SARENA** were living in the household of **ASA** and **SARA MARGARET (GILLESPIE) WESTFALL**. None show up in 1870 census. Contact: **Claud C. Gillespie**, 717 Winged Foot Dr., Aiken, SC 29803-5958 or Email: scgill@csranet.com.
10. Seeking information on my 4 great grandmother, **NANCY ANN TUCKER SAYRE** b. ca 1779 VA: m. 12 Mar. 1795 Monongalia Co. to **BENJAMIN SAYRE**. Have deed from Tyler Co. dated 1829 showing **Benjamin** deceased. Nancy d. after 1856 Doddridge Co. I have her in Harrison, Monongalia, Tyler & Doddridge counties, but think that she didn't move around so much as the county lines changed around her. In 1810 Harrison there are two brothers residing there, **JOHN & HENRY TUCKER**. They are also in Tyler Co. in 1830, along with Nancy. Could one of them be her father? Both men are shown as patriots by the DAR, but no children mentioned. Contact: **Jerry & Kimberly Sayre**, 504 E. Bargan Dr. #209, San Marcos, CA 92069-4439.
11. I am looking for the parents of **MARGARET "PEGGY" MCKINNEY**, the second wife of my gr-gr grandfather, **JOHN DENNISON**. They were married in Harrison Co., April 15, 1816. He d.

November 1824 at his home in Lost Creek. When his children sold the home on February 8, 1945, **Margaret** was still living in the home. The marriage record at the Harrison County Court House does not give her parents names or her age. I have often wondered if she was a widow, when they married. If anyone has any knowledge about this **MARGARET "PEGGY" MCKINNEY**, could you please advise. Contact: **Betty J. Haught**, 116 Euclid Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301.

12. **NANCY J. PRUNTY** b. 1815 and d. 1898 Doddridge County Poor Farm, m. **JEREMIAH ROLLINS** 12 May 1834 in Wood County (probably the part that became Ritchie). In 1850 they lived next door to **JACOB PRUNTY, JR.** b. 1785, in Ritchie. I strongly suspect that Nancy is the d/o Jacob, but I have no proof. Do you?
- **MARY TUCKER**, d/o **WILLIAM TUCKER**, m. **MICHAEL W. MCKINNEY** 28 Jun. 1790 in Harrison county. Their dau. **MARY** m. **JACOB PRUNTY, JR.** whom I believe to be the parent of **NANCY J. PRUNTY ROLLINS**, my g. g. g grandmother. What can anyone tell me about the parentage of **MICHAEL W. MCKINNEY**? Also, who was **WILLIAM TUCKER'S** wife, marriage, dates, parents?
- I recently acquired a pencil drawing of a photo of **SARAH HACKER BARNETT** from **Mo Taylor**, one of our volunteers and a descendant through **SARAH** and **ZEBEDEE FISHER**. We compared it to the only picture with positive identification that we have of **MARY ANN HACKER HELMICK**. Aunt and niece have the same ears and the same facial structure - Mo has the ears (sort of scrunchy) and so do I.

I do have a tintype that I believe to be **JONATHAN** and **HANNAH BENNETT HACKER** - it's from my g. grandmother's photo album - and was among other identified **Hacker** images. Again it's a looks-like thing. I was able to compare it with an extant photo of one of **Jonathan's** nephews at about the same age. The resemblance is remarkable. Is there anybody out there who is descended from **Jonathan** and **Hannah** who might have some old family tintypes so that we might compare? If you have the same tintype, that will narrow down the possibility that this is **Jonathan** and **Hannah**. Contact: **Joy Gilchrist**, H.C. 64, Box 38, Alum Bridge, WV 26312.

13. **WILLIAM HARRIS** m. 17 Mar. 1851 to **REBECCA WILLIAMS** in Braxton Co. They had at least twelve children, including my g.g. grandmother, **ALICE**. The family apparently moved some. There is a 1853 Lewis County birth record for one of their children being born at Hilly Upland Run. In 1860, they are in the Braxton Co. census. In 1866, another child is born at Hilly Upland Run and 1868 one at Stone Coal Creek. They are still listed in Lewis County in the 1870 census, but in the 1872 Lewis County death records of two children and mother **REBECCA**, they are living at the "Waters of Hacker's Creek". Per Don Norman's family histories, in 1877 **William** remarried widow **MARY ELIZABETH SMITH BARR** (who had seven children of her own) and then had 3 more children. Looking for any info on **William's** ancestors, any of his children (including by the second marriage), and where **WILLIAM** and **MARY** were after 1877. Contact: **Don Moore**: 11434 140th St. Pl.; Davenport, IA. 52804-9538 or moore@acc.ncrest.edu. Complete information is at my website at <http://www.ncrest.edu/~moore>.
14. Searching for the family of **HARVEY COLEMAN** b. 1853 in WV. He married **LEITHA ANGELINE BIRD**. Found in 1880 in Clay Co. WV census living with **SYLVESTER COLEMAN** and **CHRISTENA COTRELL**. Who were Harvey's parents and siblings? What relation is **Sylvester** to **Harvey**? Appears **Sylvester** was born in Jackson Co. possibly son of **BENJAMIN COLEMAN**, married first in Putnam Co to **NANCY JEFFRIES**. Any info greatly appreciated and I am always happy to share! Contact: **Cheryl Malo** malo@aloha.net, PO Box 965, Kailua, HI 96734; (808) 263-0699-(808) 263-7865 fax.

14. I would like to share information with anyone researching **SPROUSE** ancestors. Contact: **Diane Miller**, 530 22nd St. NW, Canton, OH or E-mail: millerds@juno.com.
15. Looking for other descendants of **JOSEPH HENRY TAYLOR**, born 1844 in Braxton County and his wife **CASSANDRA SHIELDS** (1844-1897) also of Braxton County. Contact: **Paul D. Frazier**, 711 West Main, Hardin, IL 62047 or E-mail: Paul.Frazier@pcusa.org.
16. Seeking information on **SPICER JAMISON** of Monongalia Co, VA/WV whose daughter **MARY JAMISON** married **BOWERS DAVIS** b 4 Mar 1786 in Murderkill Hundred, Kent Co. DE. **MARY JAMISON DAVIS** d. in 1829. Mary and Bowers had seven children: **JOSHUA**, **NANCY**, **JULIA**, **ASA**, **MARTHA**, **MARY** and **WILLIAM**. After Mary's death Bowers married 2nd wife **ELIZABETH GETTY** and they had seven children. Bowers d. in 1871 at age 84.
 - Looking for proof of the parents of **AMOS HEAVENER** who married **RIZPAH LIGHTBURN** b 25 Jan 1826 Westmoreland Co. PA. d/o **BENJAMIN LIGHTBURN** b. 1 May 1795 and **REBECCA FELL** b 25 Nov, 1798. **AMOS HEVENER & RIZPAH LIGHTBURN** married 16 May 1846, Lewis Co, VA/WV. Children: **GEORGE WASHINGTON HEVENER**, **MARY REBECCA HEVENER BEARD**, **EMMA CORDELIA HEVENER**. Looking for parents of **GERSHAM ROBERTS** who married **SARAH NORRIS** 30 July 1793, Berkley CO, VA/WV. He was born about 1765 and died about 1814. She died in the 1830's in Hampshire Co, VA/WV. Need any info on this family. Have two sons **GERSHAM ROBERTS, JR.** and **BENJAMIN NORRIS ROBERTS** who married **MARY (POLLY) LEATHERMAN** 28 Dec. 1826. The family resided on Mike's Run in what is now Mineral Co, WV. Contact: **Barbara Weiford**, 744 Covey Court, Belpre, OH 45714 or E-mail: barbaraweiford@prodigy.com.
17. **KEMMERLING(KIMBERLING)**, **HANS MARTIN** came to PA. In 1751 from Germany with his family and possibly a brother or other relative. He lived in Lancaster County for a spell. The family is supposed to be from Bedford, Bedford Co., PA. That would have been **GEORGE WASHINGTON KIMBERLING**. The family moved to Ohio before the 1900's.
 - **JURKO**, came for Slovakia in the late 1800's not much is known about this family, they lived in Pa. (?) and moved to Ohio by 1920's. The only name I have is **ANDREW PATRICK JURKO** who was born in approximately 1894-96 in PA. Contact: **Donna Sterling**, 4114 Nabal Dr, Lamesa, CA, 91941 or E-mail: Dr56@juno.com.
18. **JOHN CRITES** b. 1830's m. **PHEBE JANE KING** b. 1833. He died in Dorcas, WV. Their oldest children were born in Elkhorn, WV. Who were her parents? His father **JOSEPH CRITES** (1788-1867) m. **CATHERINE BOND**. He died in Grant County, WV in 1867. The will of **CATHERINE CRITES** was probated in Grant County on March 4, 1882. She mentioned sons **JOHN**, **ABRAHAM**, and **JESSE**, heirs of son, **PHILIP**, daughters **JEMIMA CATHERINE REEL**, **HANNAH MONGOLD** and **DELILA Taylor** and heirs of daughter **SALLY CRITES**. Who were her parents? Contact: **Frances Van Scoy**, 782 Meadowbrook Rd., Morgantown, WV 26505 or E-mail: fvanscoy@wvu.edu.
19. Doing research on **RICHARD EPP ROBINSON (ROBISON)** married to **ADALINE STEELE** found in 1880 census in Wyoming County, WV. Know of 8 children: **JAMES**, **MARY A.**, **AMANDA R.**, **VIRGINIA CLEMMMA**, **NANCY**, **MARTHA J.**, **WILLIAM BRANTY**, and **RICHARD CHARLES**. The last child, my dad, **RICHARD CHARLES ROBINSON** was b. abt. 1887 in Tesla, Braxton Co.. His parents both died the year he was born. Need to know where, when, and burial sites for them, all the younger children were put in separate homes. He married **SUSIE JANE DENNISON**, she died, then married **ADELIN WILLIAMS**. Need any info on **STEELE** or **ROBINSON** line.

- **VIRGINIA ROBISON** m. **JOHN NEWTON HINES** on Sept. 20, 1890. Children: **HERBERT, JOHN, VIRGIL BUCK, FAY, CHELCIE GAY** and **OSBORNE HAROLD HINES**. Need info on any of these folks. All were from Nicholas Co.
NANCY ROBINSON b. 1876, m. **JOSEPH HANSON SIERS** in Braxton Co., Need any info. Contact: **Nettie Robinson Gregory**, Rt. 2, Box 17, Ireland, WV 26376; 304-452-8444 or E-mail: ngregory@access.mountain.net.
- 20. **ABRAHAM WOLFE**, 1794-1866, son of **JACOB WOLF** and **ANNA STRALEY** m. 1814, **RACHEL McLAUGHLIN**, in Randolph Co., West Va. Had 14 children, over 230 pages, \$30.00. Contact: **Raymond Wolfe, Jr.**, 5135 Post Rd., Lot 214, Indianapolis, IN, 46226.
- 21. I am particularly interested in finding parents of **DORA BYRD** who married **JAMES A. MICK** (my paternal gr-grandparents), parents of **WILLIAM J. SMITH** and **ELIZABETH McNEMAN** (my maternal gr-gr-grandparents) and parents of **GEORGE ANDREW** and **ELIZA EAGLE** (my paternal gr-gr-grandparents). Contact: **Sandi Mick Chambers**, 355 Mobbs School Rd., Arab, AL 35016 or E-mail: sanjali@mindspring.com
- 22. I am seeking information about **WEBB MARRIOT BENNETT**, b. ca 1804, my gr-gr-grandfather who lived in "Rockland, VA" in 1877, with son **WALTER R. BENNETT**. Also, any additional information about this **BENNETT** family that lived in the Reger (Upshur Co., WV) area in 1909. Other known family members were Walter's children: **MARTHA, ARTHUR, IRVING, RAYMOND**, and **EDWARD**. Contact: **Don Schaub**, 6509 Highlawn Dr., Columbus, OH 43229.
- 23. Ref. Query #6, of last issue of the HC Journal. I apologize for the error in the Messenger query. I have **ROSWELL MESSENGER** m. **SARAH PIERCE**. That is incorrect. **ROSWELL** m. **SARAH HEWITT**. **SARAH HEWITT'S** mother is **SARAH ANN PIERCE** who married **CHARLES HEWITT SR.**
- I have **JOHN JARVIS** b. 1757 Belair, Baltimore, MD- Rev. War Soldier- m. **SARAH HOOD**. For a year now I have been studying the **HOOD** family to find a connection. While surfing FTM CD 1- I found **JOHN JARVIS** m. **SARAH WRIGHT** on 2 July 1761 Baltimore CO. MD. She was b. 1743 Baltimore Co. MD, d/o **JACOB WRIGHT & SARAH CHILDS**. I know that it has been said that our WV John married 2 Sarah's. Could this be his first marriage? And **SARAH HOOD** his 2nd marriage. No **HOOD** line shows a Sarah in MD. Any ideas? Is it possible that our John was b. 1743 instead of 1757? Here's the problem- or is it? I show his dau, **CATHERINE JARVIS**- my ancestor- b. 1790. Census rec. show her born in PA. Did our John swing by PA, marry again & had more children? Just a thought. **Catherine** m. **LEONARD BURKHAMMER**- early Lewis Co. pioneer- & he was born in PA. Contact: **Debbie Malec**, P.O. Box 167, Old Co. Rd. 32, Waterford, OH 45786 or E-mail: debbiemalec@juno.com.
- 24. Seeking any and all **HARPERS** interested in attending 1998 reunion in Ashtabula County, OH. for descendants of: **ALEXANDER HARPER** born 1744 in CT. married **ELIZABETH BARTHOLOMEW**. They arrived with some of their children in the Western Reserve (Ashtabula County, OH) in the summer of 1798. Also seeking interested descendants of siblings of **Alexander** as well as other **HARPERS** descended from **Alexander's** Father, Grandfather, etc. Not sure if this is your line? Please send your pedigree chart/ family group sheets, etc. to the address below. We will be glad to post your query at the reunion. Hoping to help all **HARPERS** to find their family! Contact: **TONY HARPER** - Reunion, 1850 Belhaven, Simi Valley, CA 93063, (805) 522-6168, or E-mail: lrfm15a@prodigy.com.

25. I am looking for the burial location for **JAMES CARTER SHACKELFORD** b. May 5, 1794, d. May 31, 1878 in Upshur Co., WV. Also need his wife, **MOURNING J. (GARRISON) SHACKLEFORD'S** burial location. It would seem they would have been buried in the Lorentz Church Cemetery, if they are there, there are no markers that I can find nor are they listed in the HCPD Cemetery book. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. Contact: **Patricia G. Viellenave**, Rt. 1 Box 36-9, French Creek, WV 26218 or E-mail: vyvgal@msys.net.
26. Looking for relatives of **DELILAH DEAL** who married **WILLIAM MULLENS**. I know her parents were **RICHARD DEAL** and **ELEANOR GIBSON** but that is the end of the line. The **Deals** originated in Tazewell Co., WV and moved to Kanawha and Nicholas Co., WV. I have started a **DEAL/DEEL**, etc database trying to piece all of them together. Please send me yours.
- Looking for information regarding **JAMES M. CORRON** who was the father of **LOUISA CORRON**. She married **ANDREW MCNEIL SPENCER**. They were from Braxton, Nicholas and Greenbrier Co. Contact: **Billie Hillier**, PSC 94 Box 666, APO AE 09824 or E-mail: hillierb@bncc1.incirlik.af.mil.
27. **MAJOR POWERS** (b: 1753 Morgantown, VA; d: 1795 Taylor Co., VA) his wf **MARY PETTIJON** (b: 1758 Monongalia Co., WV/VA). Their children were: **WILLIAM, NEHEMIAH, JOHN** and **NAOMI POWERS**. Also researching their son: **WILLIAM POWERS** (b: 14 Oct 1776 Harrison Co., WV; d: 12 Mar 1852 Prairie Twp. Henry Co. IN) his wf **REBECCA JONES** (b: 1781 VA; d: 9 Jun 1863 Prairie Twp. Henry Co., IN). Their children: **SARAH, REBECCA, MARTHA, MARY, NAOMI, RACHEL, JONNA, JOHN S.** and ? If you are also researching this same family line and would like to share info, please contact **Becky Olson** at olsongrf@henge.com or 2424 S. Krameria St. Denver, CO 80222.
28. **Dave Kuhl**, 210 Glen Eagles Drive, Ocean Springs, MS 39564-9041, writes to inquire: Thus far, all of the **Woodford's** researched in WV have proven to be descendants of Revolutionary War soldier **WILLIAM WOODFORD**. Several of **William's** descendants moved to Pendleton, Barbour and Upshur Counties then to Gilmer, Calhoun and Lewis Counties. **ASA** who lived in Gilmer Co. became Sheriff in Lewis Co. and introduced Hereford cattle to the area. **JOHN HOWE WOODFORD** was first head of county supervisors in Barbour Co. The **Woodford Cemetery** in Gilmer Co. was established by **FRANKLIN WOODFORD**. Other family members established the first telephone company in Elkins and other business enterprises. An annual family reunion is held near the 4th of July at Mt. Olive Baptist Church near Philippi. Computerized records include about 350 individuals named **Woodford** and an additional 900 descendants, spouses and parents of spouses with names other than **Woodford**. Any help identifying the ancestors or descendants of the following individuals will be appreciated:
- ANGELINE WOODFORD** b. 1841, Barbour Co., WV, m. 28-Aug-1886, in Gilmer Co., WV. **IRVIN HOOPER**, b. 1841, Harrison Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.
 - CARY L. WOODFORD** b. 1842, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 1-Apr-1894, in Gilmer Co., WV. **JACOB STERN**, b. 1841, Germany. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.
 - HARRIETT E. WOODFORD** b. 1854, Allegheny Co., MD, m. 11-Apr-1888, in Gilmer Co., WV. **HARRY J. COOPER**, b. 1848, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.
 - MOLLIE J. WOODFORD** b. 1858, Upshur Co., WV, m. 8-Dec-1907, in Gilmer Co., WV. **LEMUEL S. VANNOY**, b. 1842, Lewis Co., WV. **Mollie** was a widow. Her maiden name may have been **Woodford**. If not, who was her first husband? **Lemuel** was described as a widower. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.
 - NANCY WOODFORD** b. about 1840, Barbour Co., WV?, m. **CORBIN B. BRADFORD**, b. about 1830, Barbour Co., WV?. Source: Maxwell's 1898 History of Barbour Co. child: **IDA A.**

BRADFORD b. about 1860, Barbour Co., WV? m. 16-Sep-1880, in Clarksburg, Harrison Co., WV, **GEORGE WESLEY BARNES**, b. 3-Nov-1853, Cumberland, MD. George and Ida had six children.

6. **HOWARD? WOODFORD** b. about 1850, Barbour Co., WV?, m. **SUSANNA PRITT**, b. about 1850, Upshur Co., WV?, (daughter of **RACHEL B. PRITT**) child: **HOWARD WOODFORD** b. about 1868, Upshur Co., WV?, m. 20-Nov-1887, in Upshur Co., WV?, **FLORENCE M. HAYWOOD**, b. about 1870, Upshur Co., WV?, (daughter of **M. P.** and **ALICE HAYWOOD**). Howard is shown living with his grandmother **RACHEL PRITT** in the 1880 census. His father may have also been named Howard and he may be a grandson of **WILLIAM WOODFORD** born about 1810.

7. **IRIS C. WOODFORD** b. 1864, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 10-May-1883, in Gilmer Co., WV, **LEVI M. LAW**, b. 1860, Ritchie Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

8. **ESTELLA WOODFORD** b. 1875, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 7-Jan-1892, in Gilmer Co., WV, **WARREN S. BUSH**, b. 1870, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

9. **HOMER G. WOODFORD** b. 1877, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 24-Jun-1900, in Gilmer Co., WV, **LOLA M. HERSMAN**, b. 1881, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

10. **BAILEY WOODFORD** b. 1879, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 18-Jun-1905, in Gilmer Co., WV, **MAUDE BLACK**, b. 1886, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

11. **ALTIE G. WOODFORD** b. 1879, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 29-May-1898, in Gilmer Co., WV, **CHARLES V. GOFF**, b. 1874, Ritchie Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

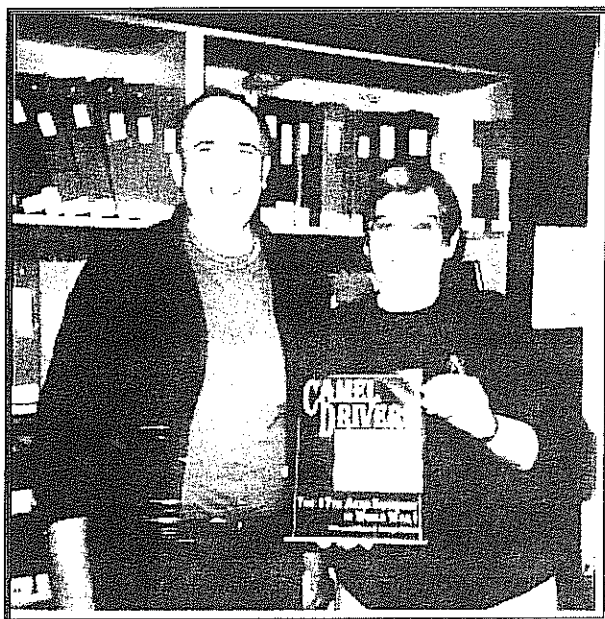
12. **FAY WOODFORD** b. 1880, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 27-Sep-1903, in Gilmer Co., WV, **WILLIAM F. BUSH**, b. 1881, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

13. **MOLLIE M. WOODFORD** b. 1882, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 9-Jun-1905, in Gilmer Co., WV, **J. GUY WAGGONER**, b. 1879, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

14. **IDA F. WOODFORD** b. 1883, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 6-Apr-1902, in Gilmer Co., WV, **WILLIAM H. MILLER**, b. 1871, Gilmer Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

15. **GEORGIA BLANCH WOODFORD** b. 1885, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 13-Apr-1907, in Gilmer Co., WV, **THURMAN CLAY KEMPER**, b. 1886, Lewis Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.

16. **CHARLES B. WOODFORD** b. 1888, Gilmer Co., WV, m. 22-Aug-1908, in Gilmer Co., WV, **DAISY ABLES**, b. 1889, Lewis Co., WV. Source: Gilmer Co. marriage records.



Otis Lowell Reed of Cottage Street recently presented his new book, *Camel Drivers, The 17th Aero Squadron in World War I*, to the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants librarian, Irma Curtis.

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